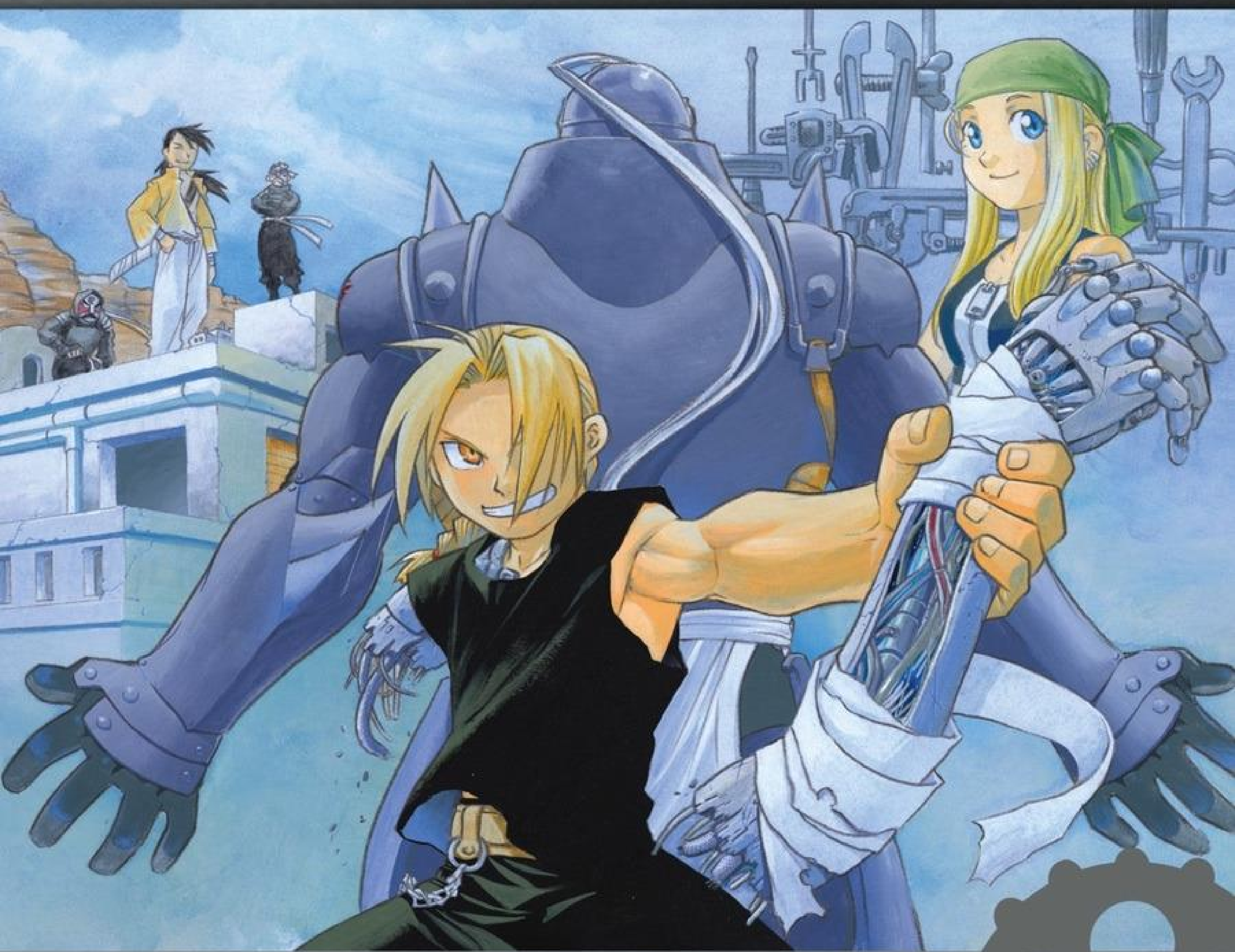


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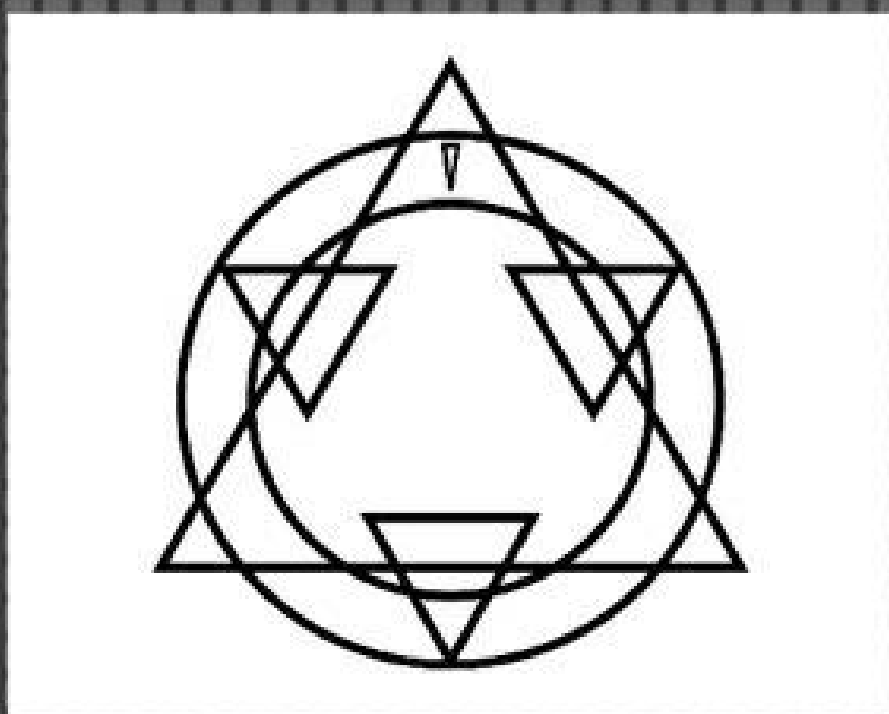
STORY AND ART BY
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I always draw ridiculous looking self-portraits for this series, so I have a really hard time when I need to draw one for other magazines. It's regrettable how they always use the "underwear" picture from volume one. Really regrettable.

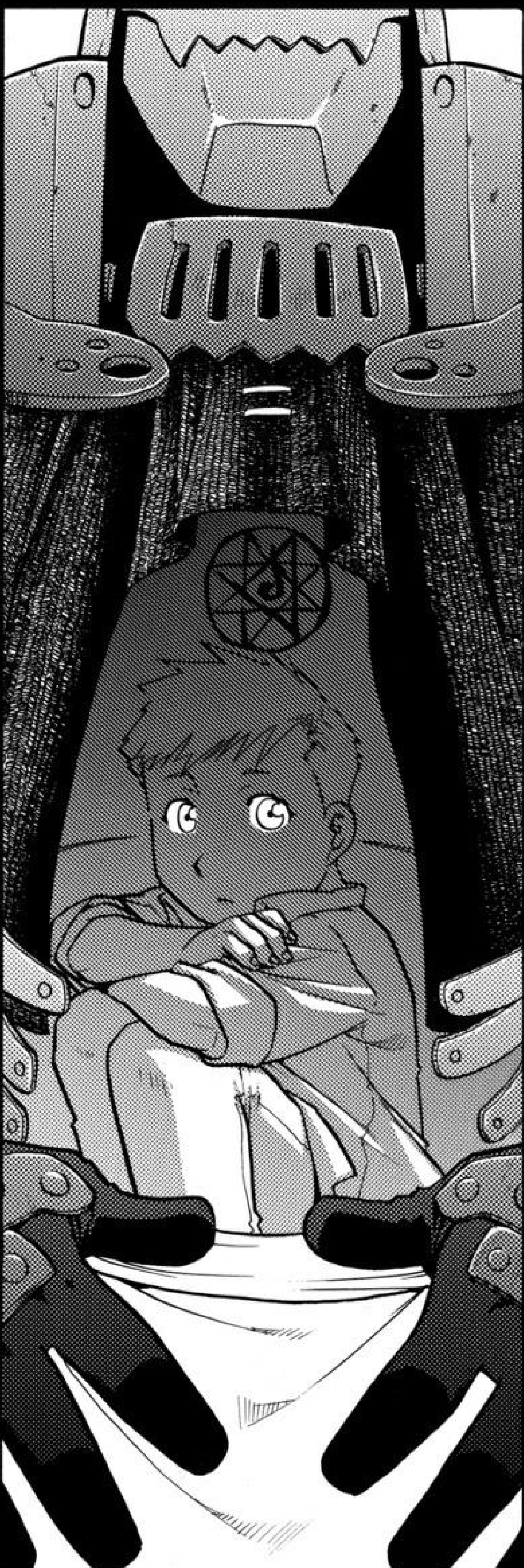
—Hiromu Arakawa, 2004



Born in Hokkaido (northern Japan), Hiromu Arakawa first attracted national attention in 1999 with her award-winning manga *Stray Dog*. Her series *Fullmetal Alchemist* debuted in 2001 in Square Enix's monthly manga anthology *Shonen Gangan*.



FULLMETAL
ALCHEMIST



金の錬金術師
FULLMETAL ALCHEMIST

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荒川弘

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鋼の錬金術師

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CHARACTERS

FULLMETAL ALCHEMIST



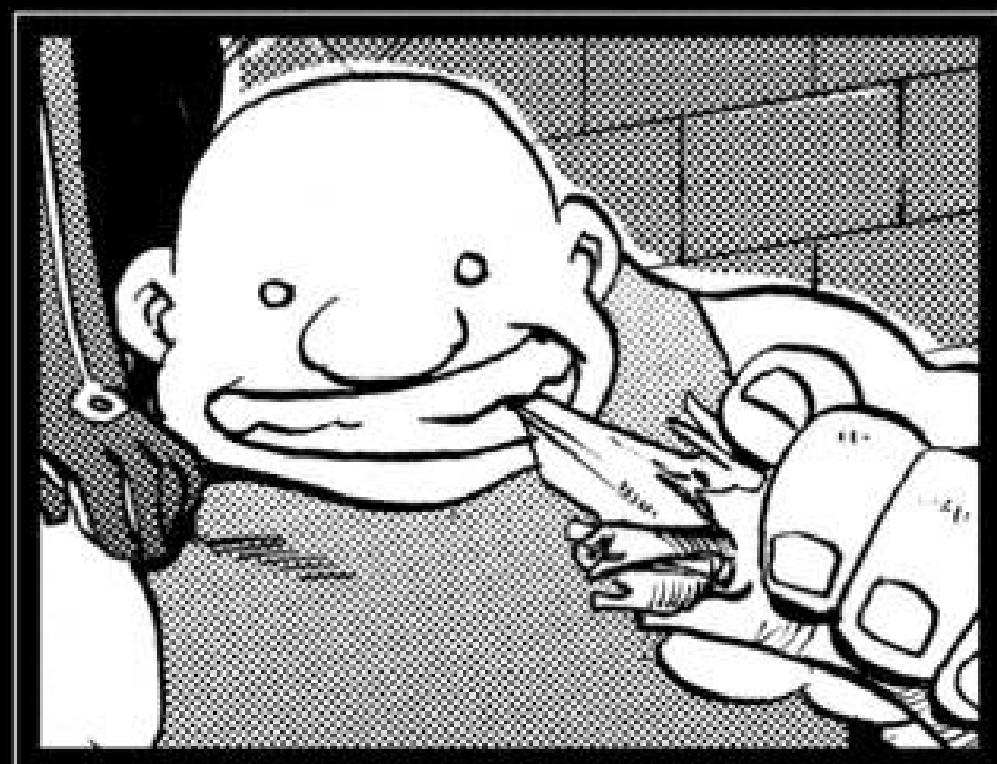
□ ウィンリィ・ロックベル

Winry Rockbell



□ キング・ブラッドレイ

King Bradley



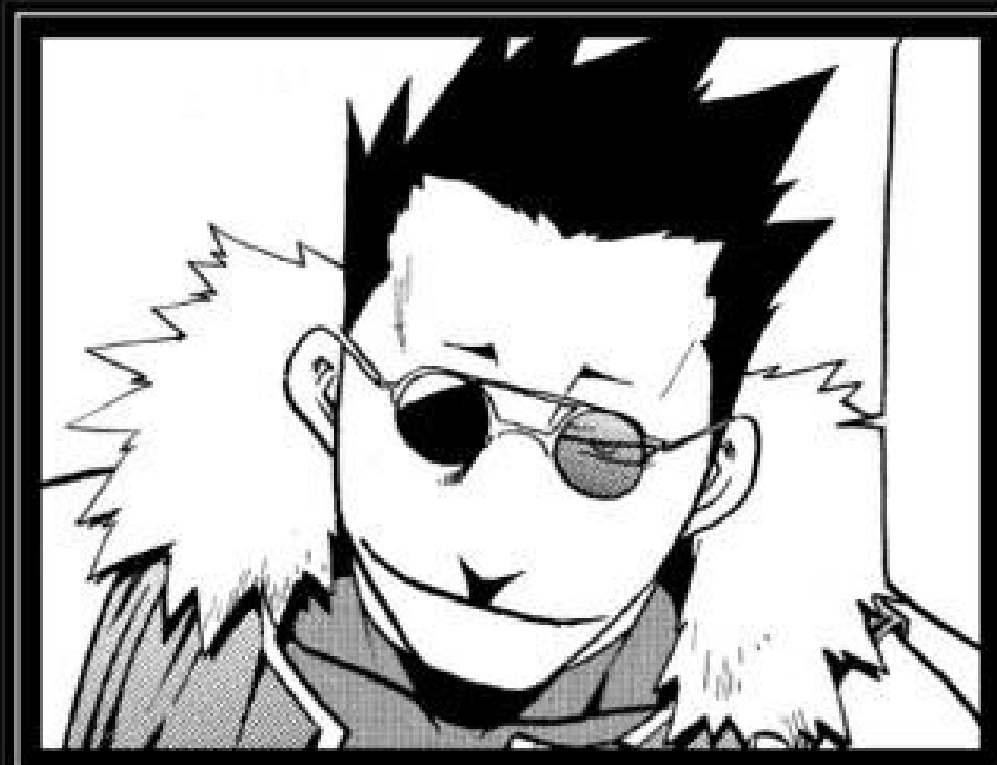
□ グラトニー

Gluttony



□ ラスト

Lust



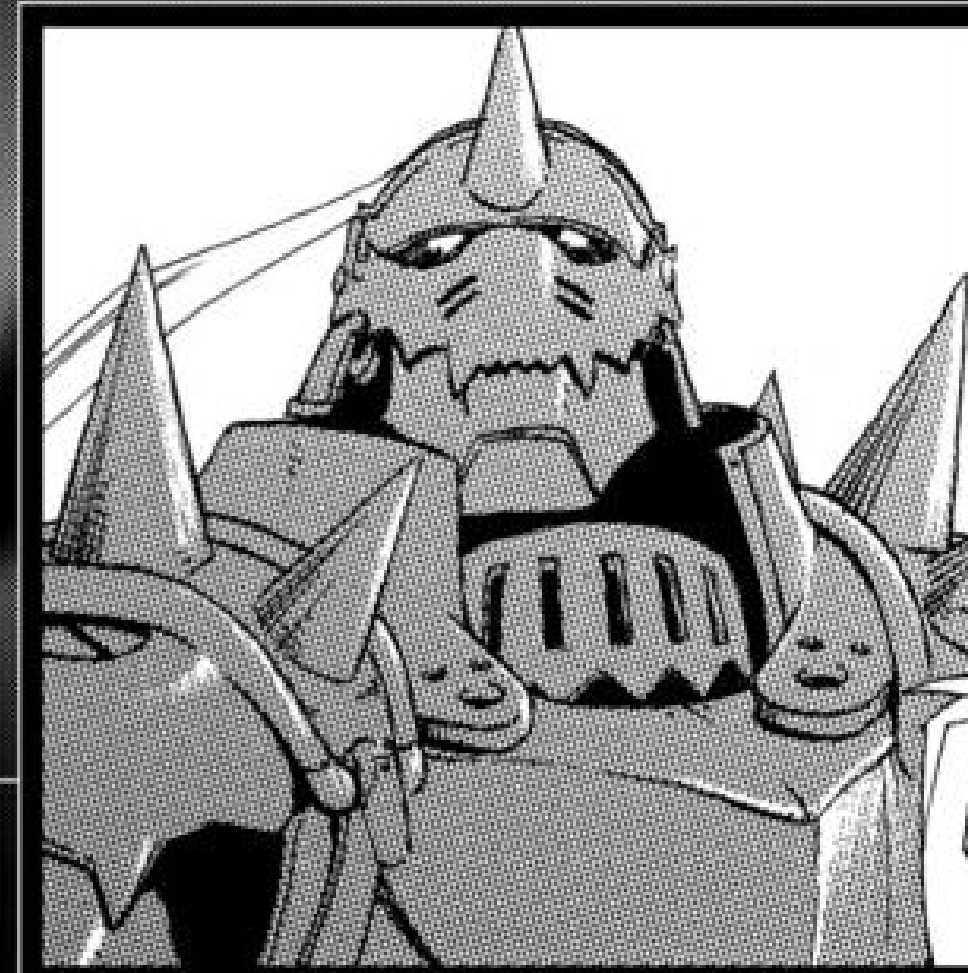
□ グリード

Greed



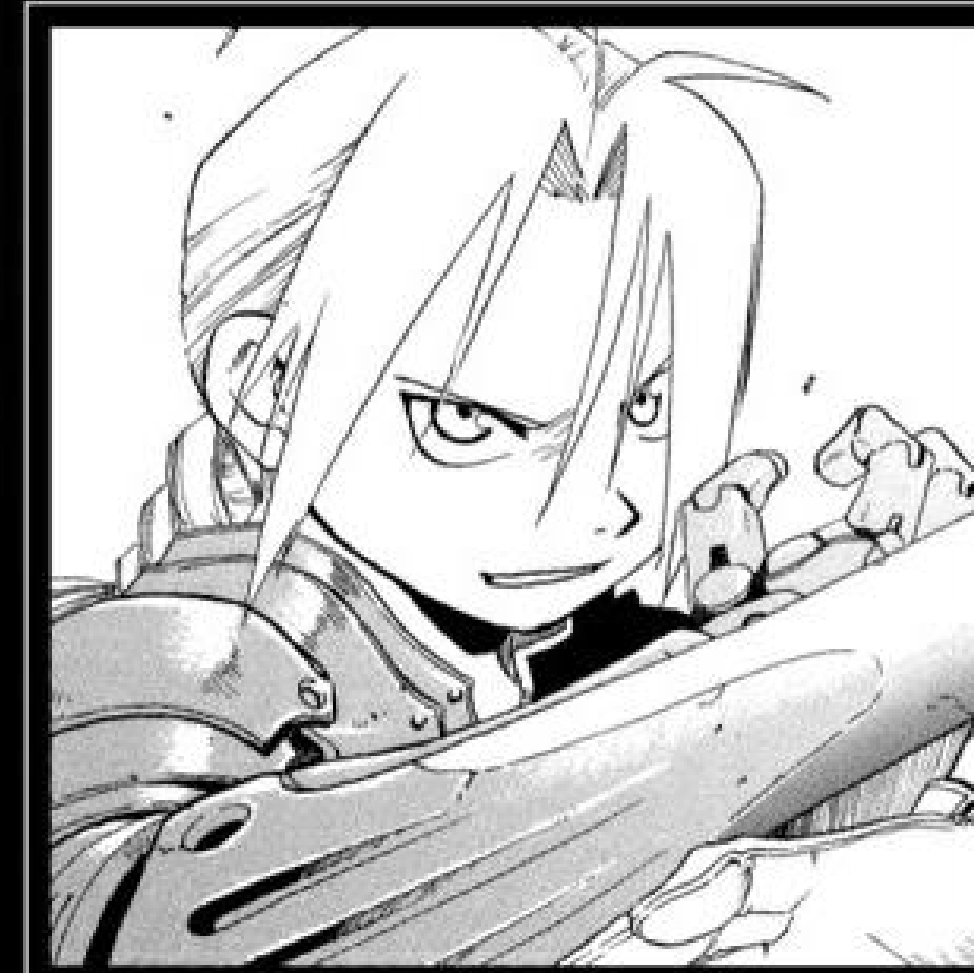
□ エンヴィー

Envy



□ アルフォンス・エルリック

Alphonse Elric



□ エドワード・エルリック

Edward Elric



□ アレックス・ルイ・アームストロング

Alex Louis Armstrong



□ ロイ・マスタング

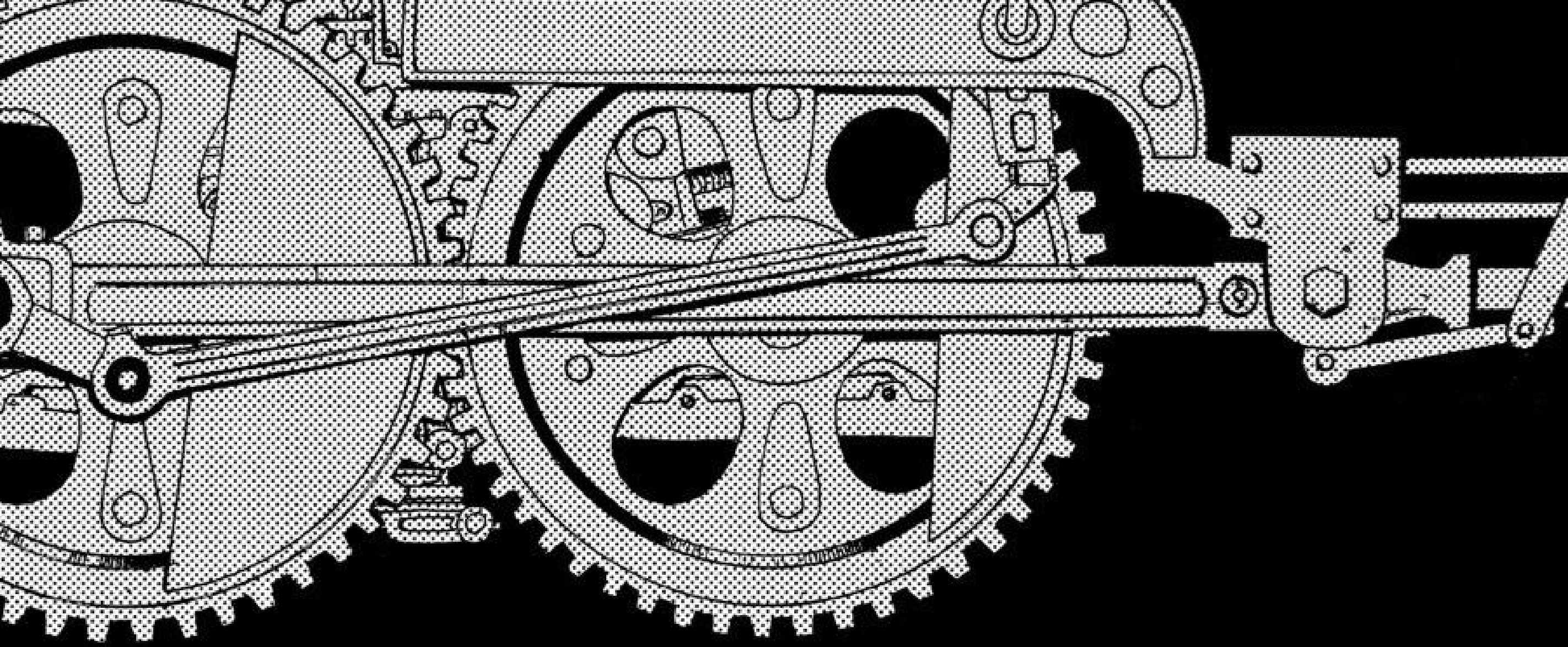
Roy Mustang

OUTLINE

FULLMETAL ALCHEMIST

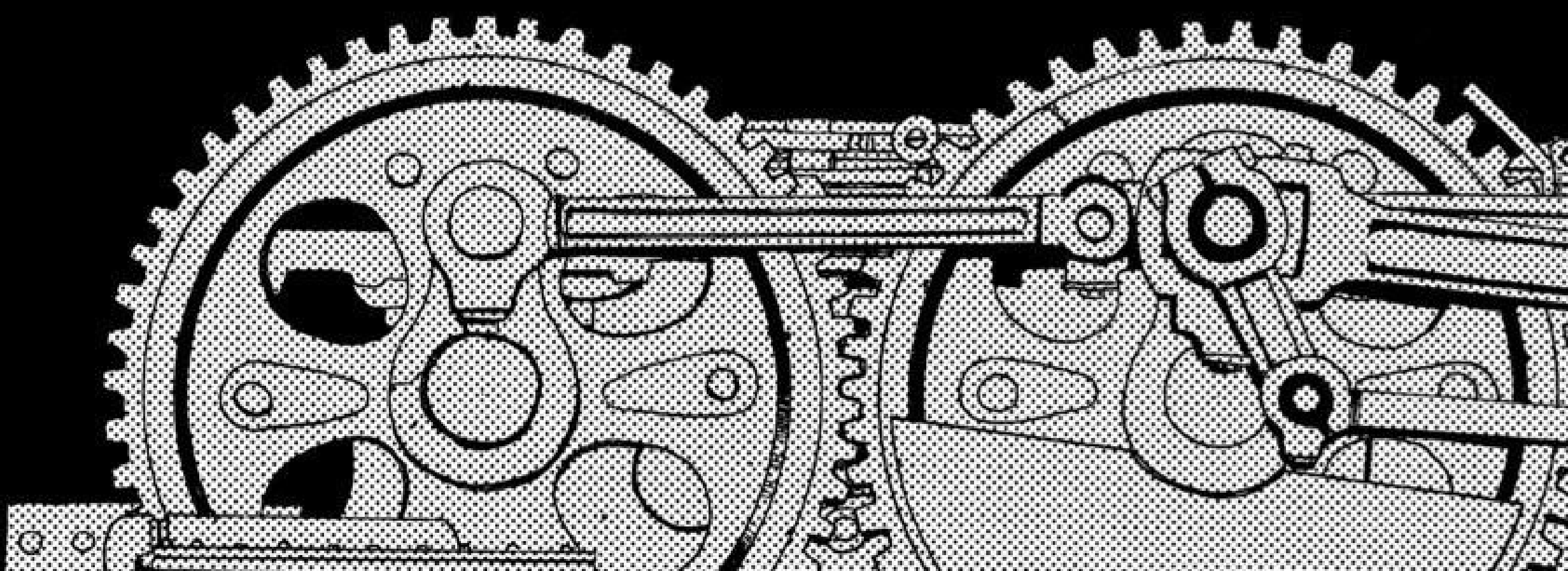
Using a forbidden alchemical ritual, the Elric brothers attempted to bring their dead mother back to life. But the ritual went wrong, consuming Edward Elric's leg and Alphonse Elric's entire body. At the cost of his arm, Edward was able to graft his brother's soul into a suit of armor. Equipped with mechanical "auto-mail" to replace his missing limbs, Edward becomes a state alchemist, serving the military on deadly missions. Now, the two brothers roam the world in search of a way to regain what they have lost...

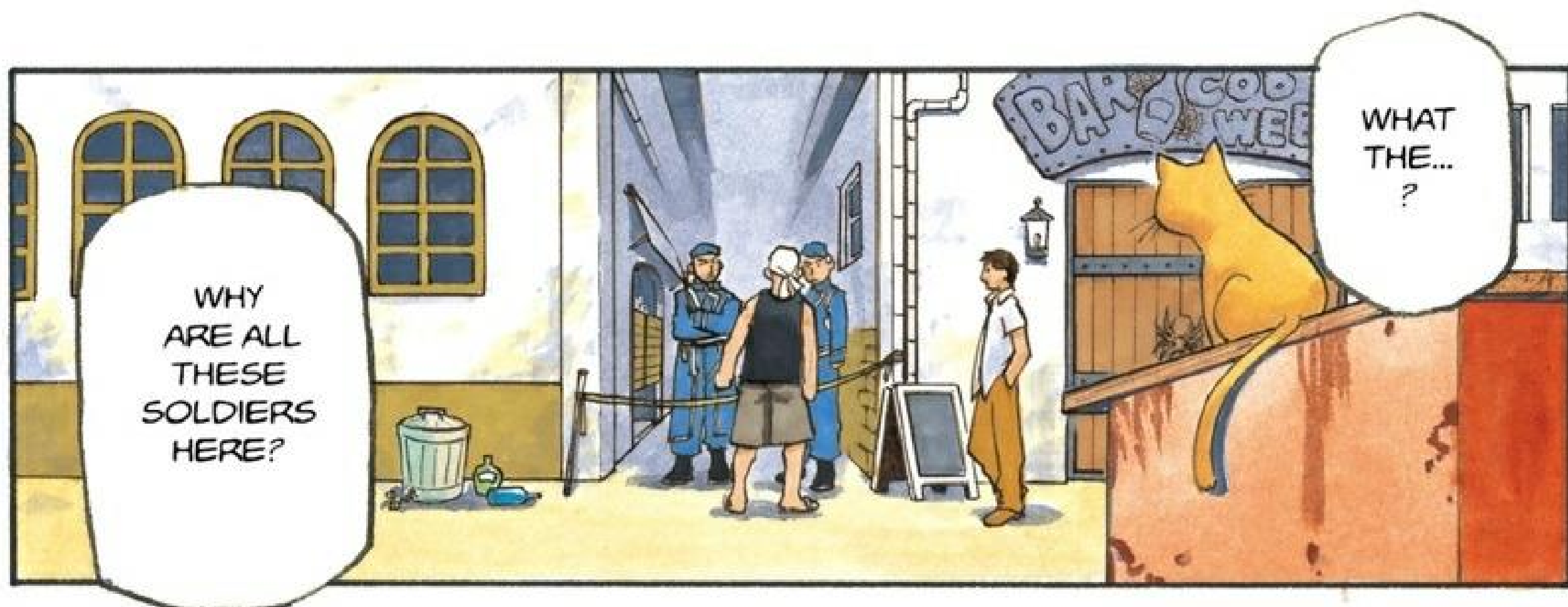
Having reunited with their former teacher, Izumi Curtis, the boys now seek a way to recall Al's lost memories of losing his physical body, which may be the key to changing the brothers back to normal. Little do the Elrics know that they, too, are being hunted. Greed, a homunculus who bears the Ouroboros tattoo, kidnaps Al to find the secrets of merging a soul with a suit of armor. When Ed tries to rescue his brother, the situation turns violent. Soon, chaos ensues as Führer President Bradley himself leads an assault on Greed's underground lair...

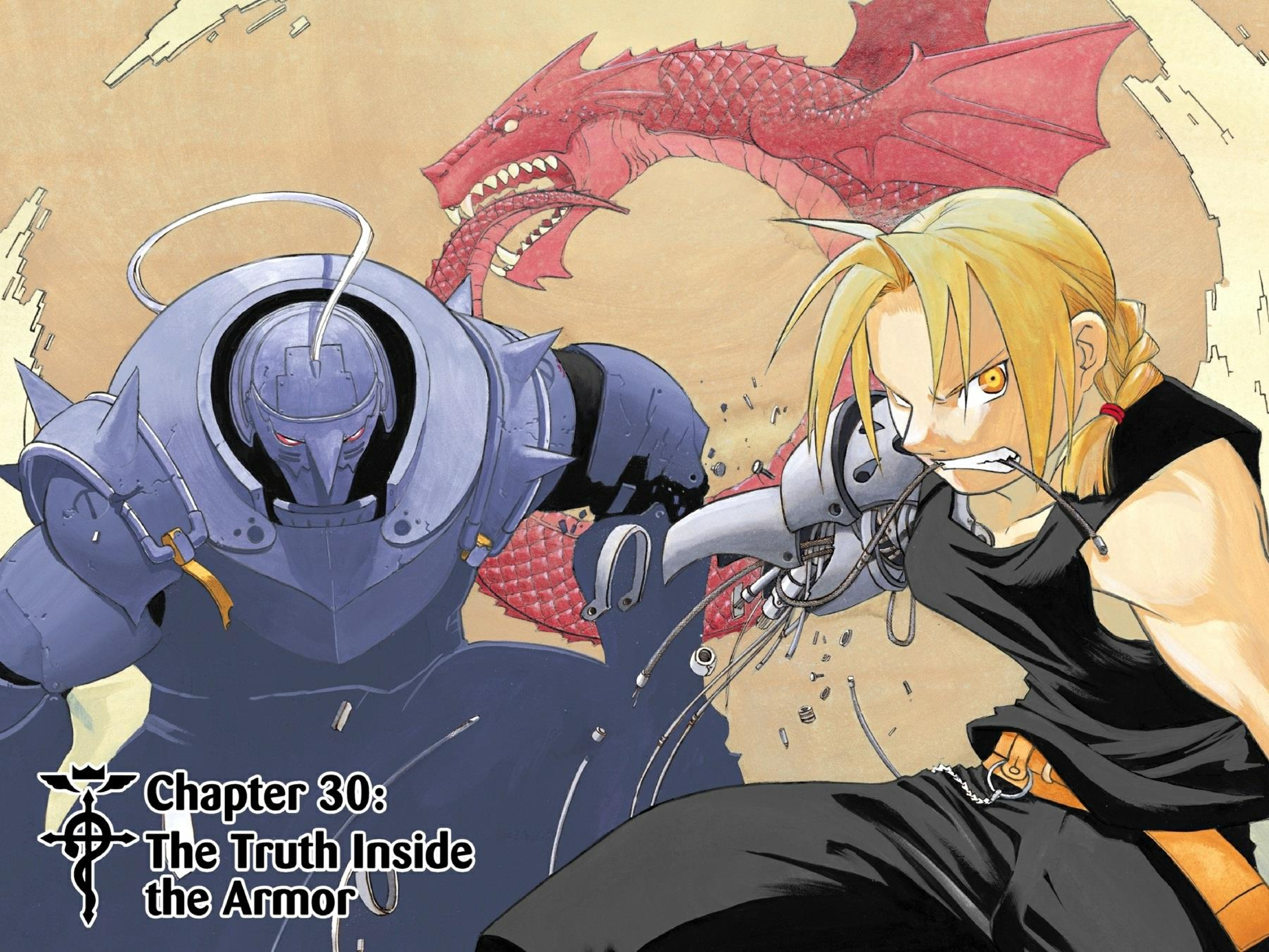


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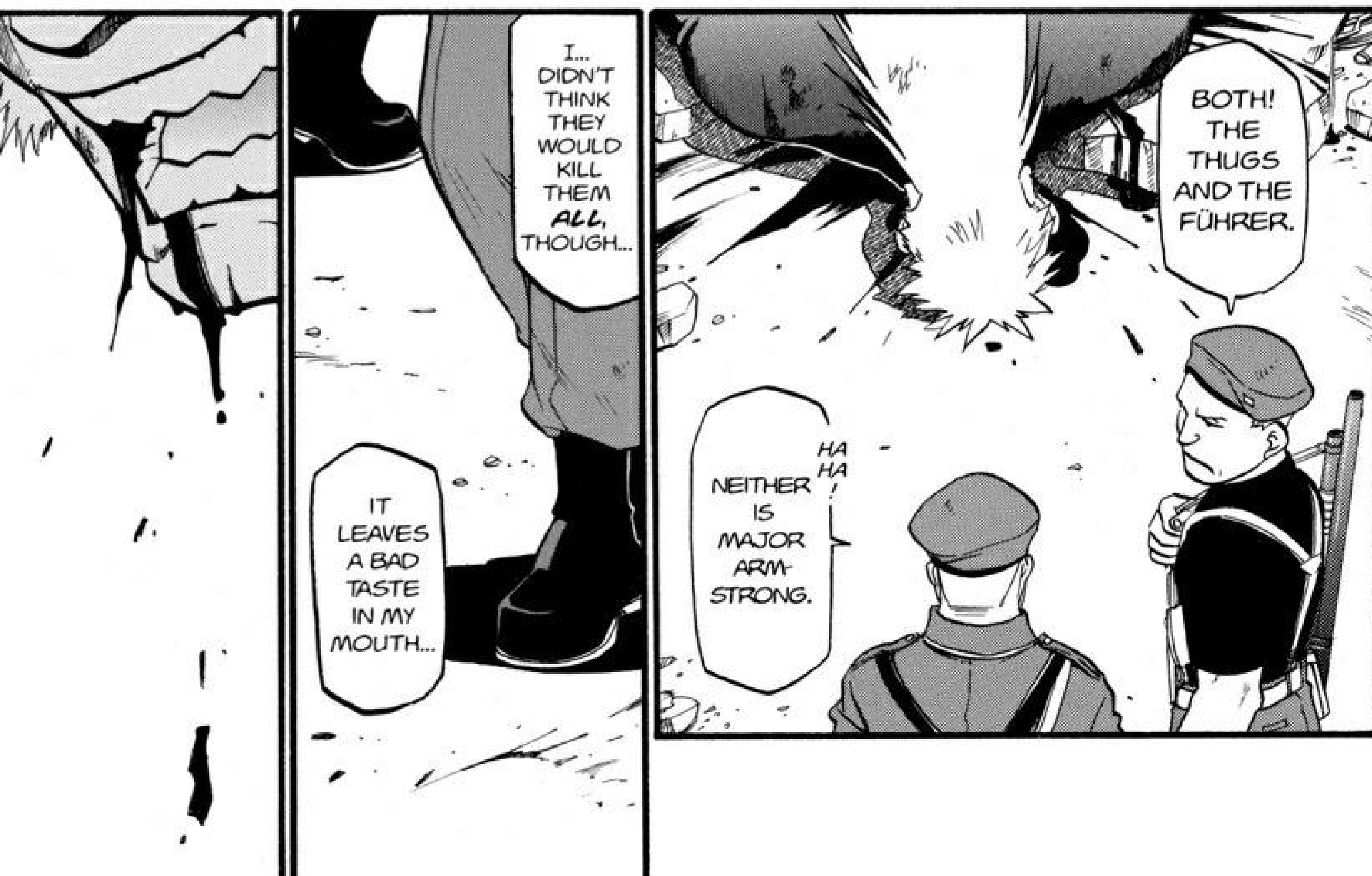






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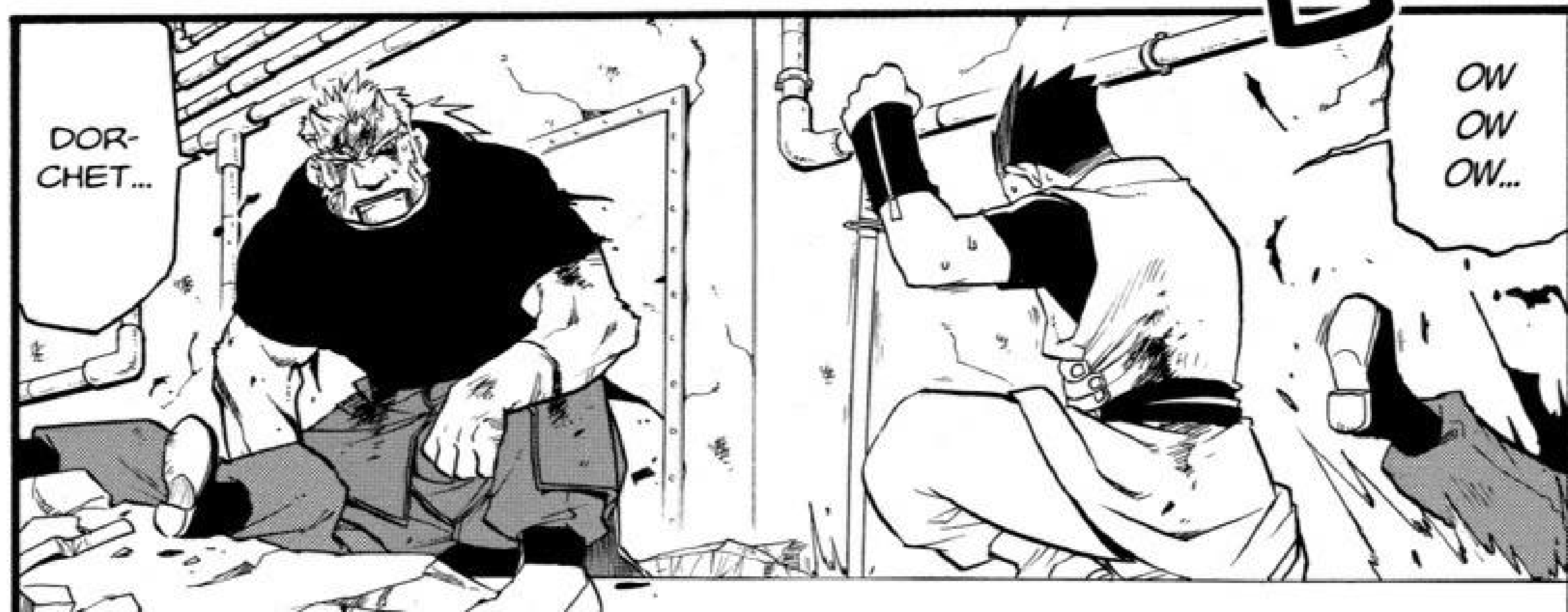


WHY
YOU-
!

I
THOUGHT
YOU
WERE
DEA--

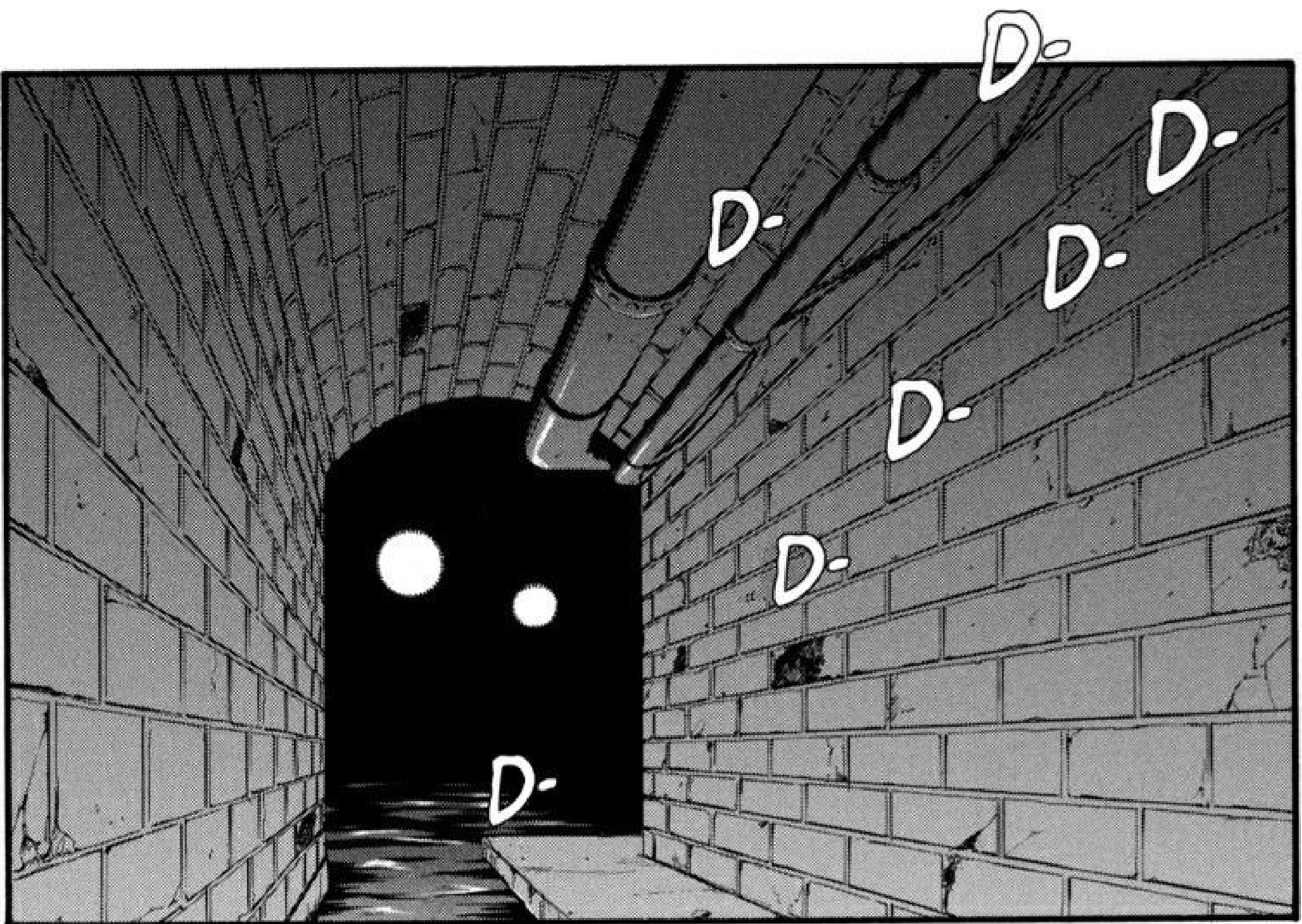
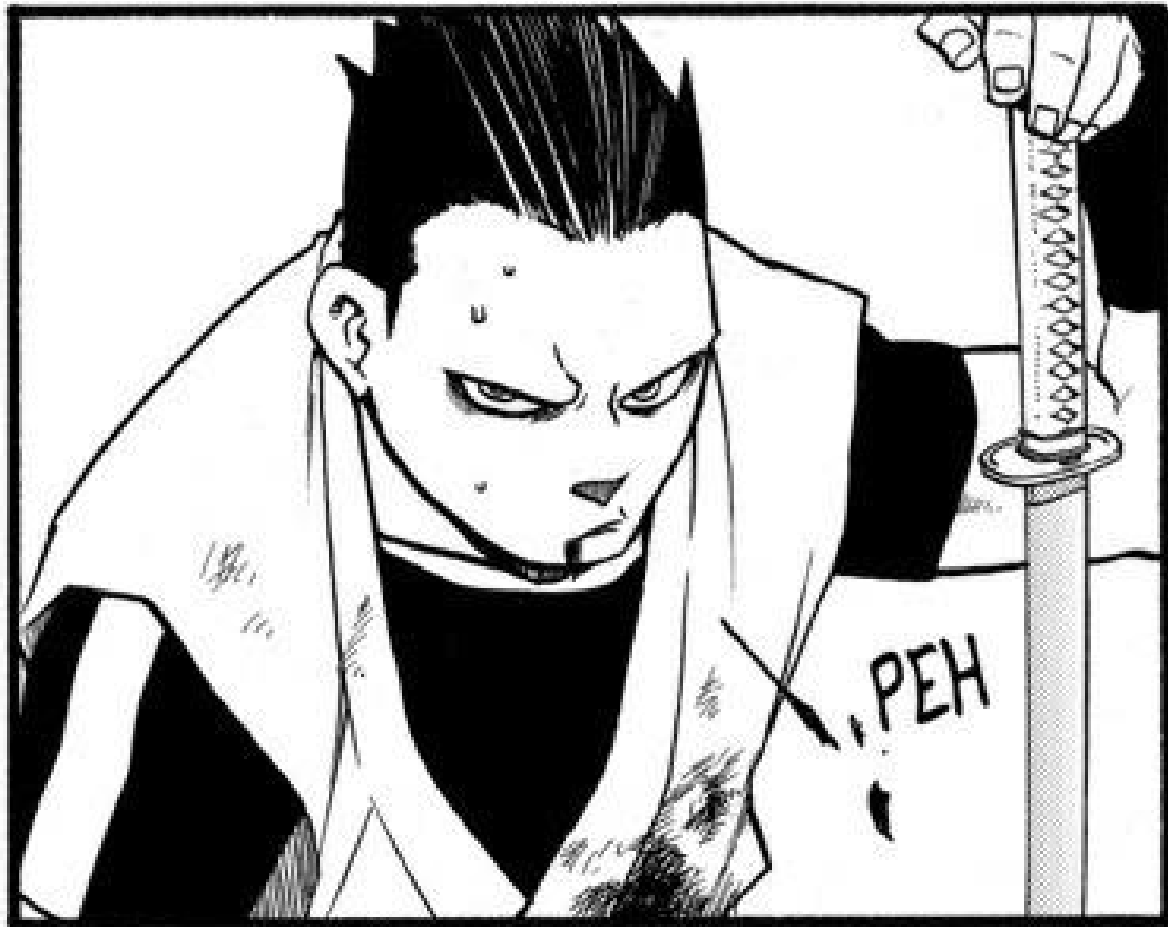


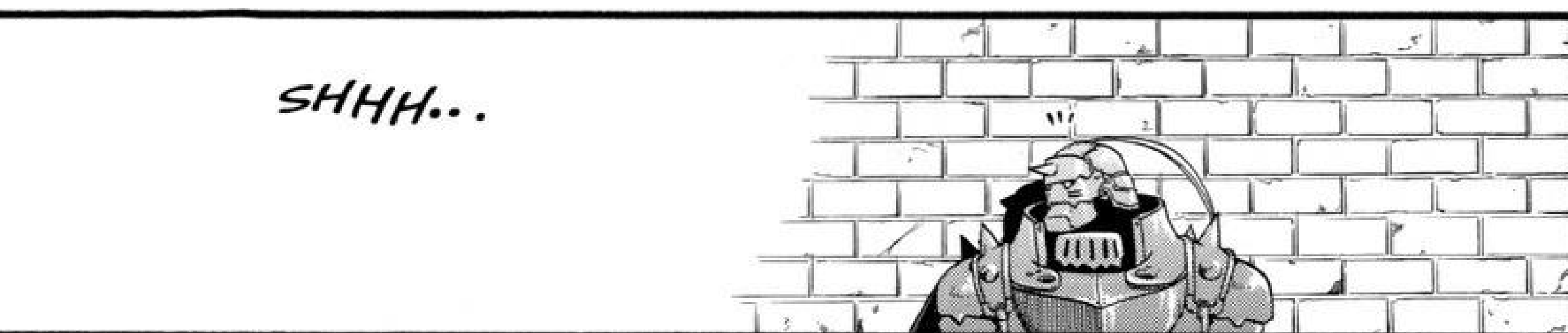
SLASH

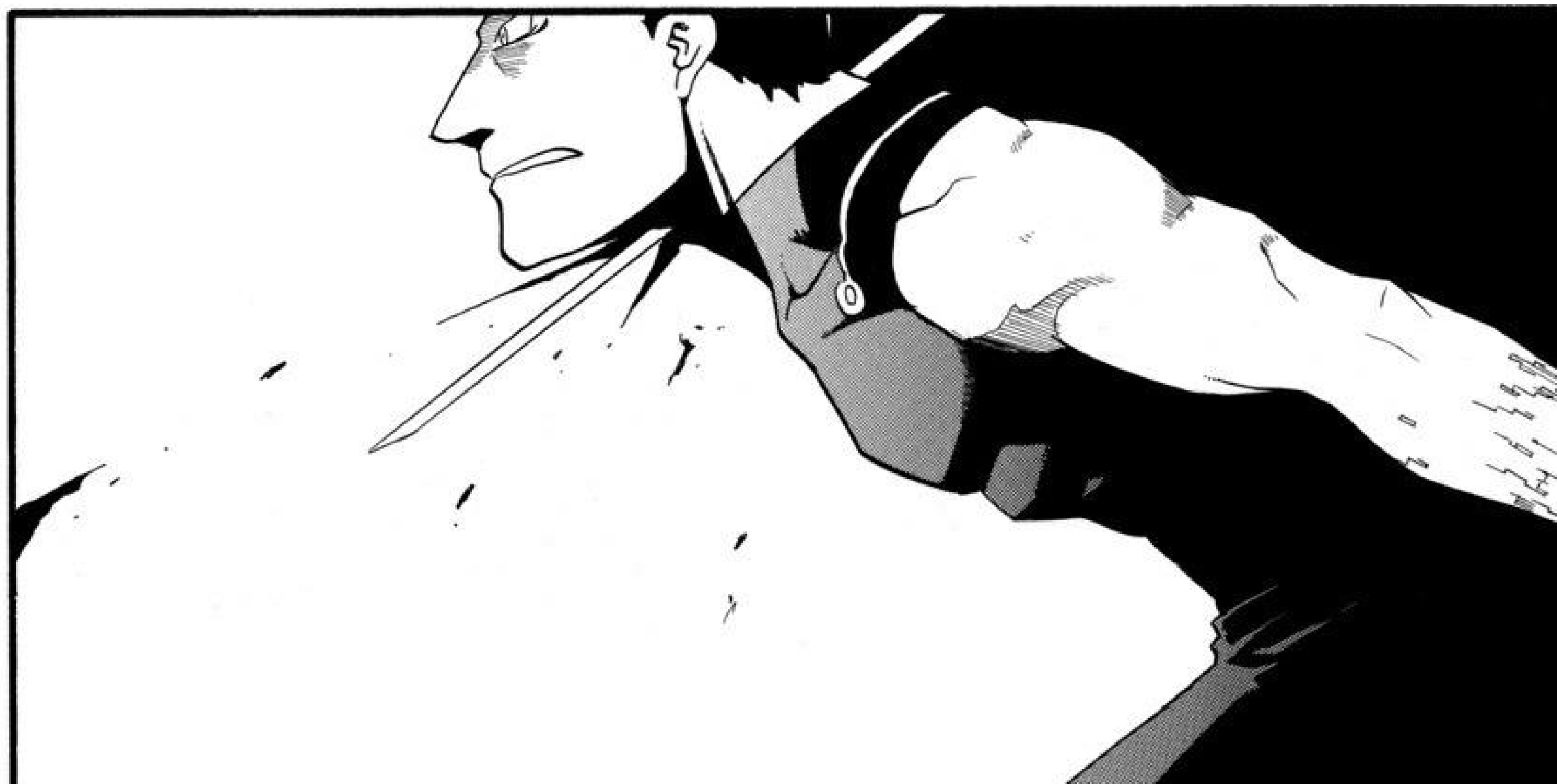
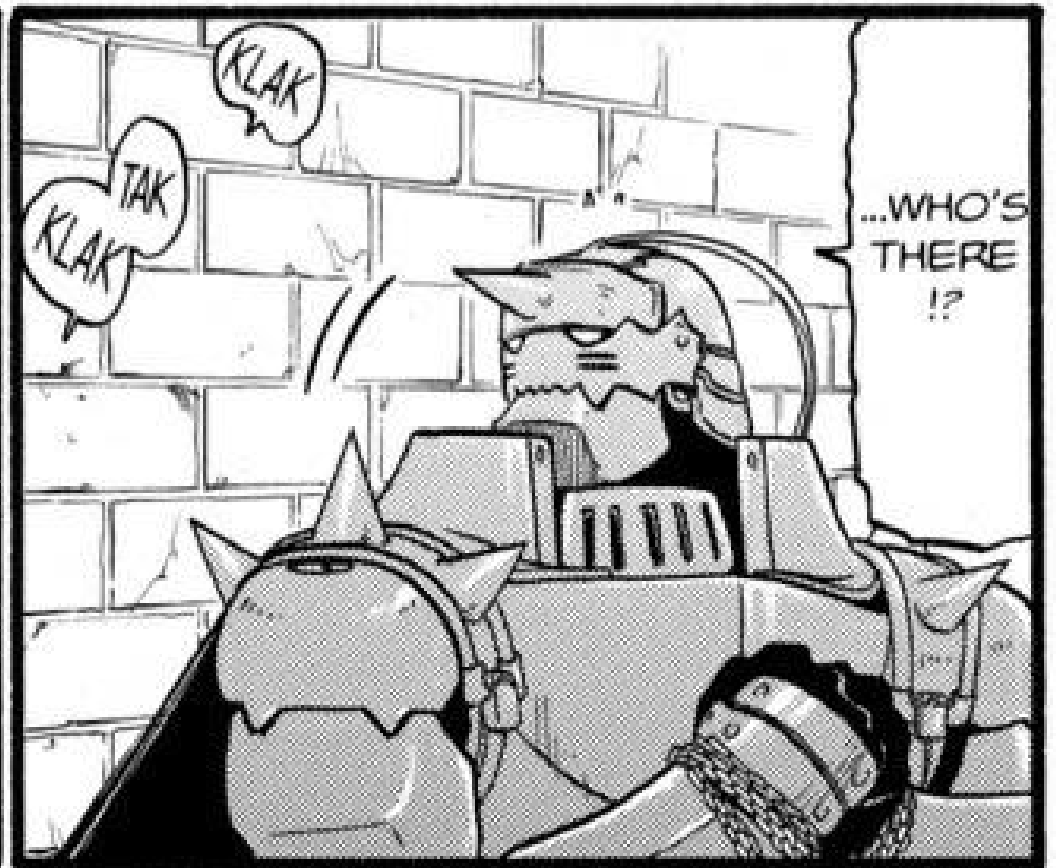


DOR-
CHET...

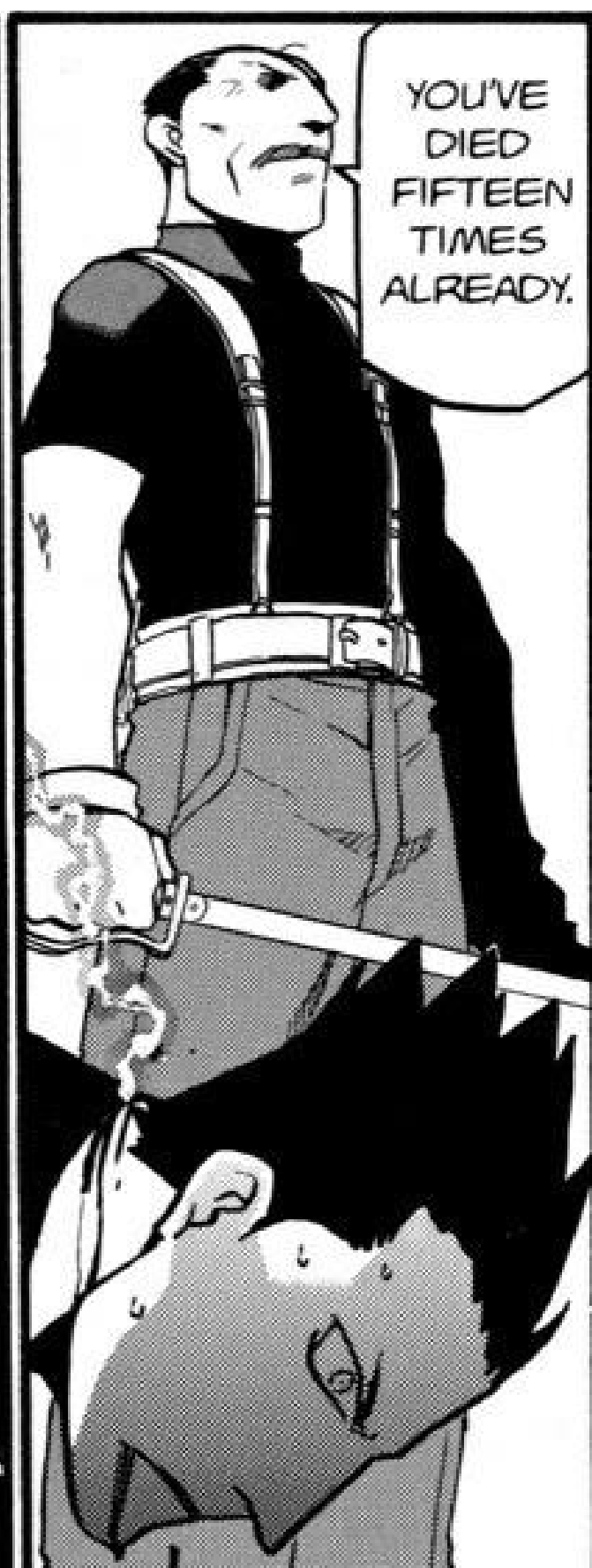
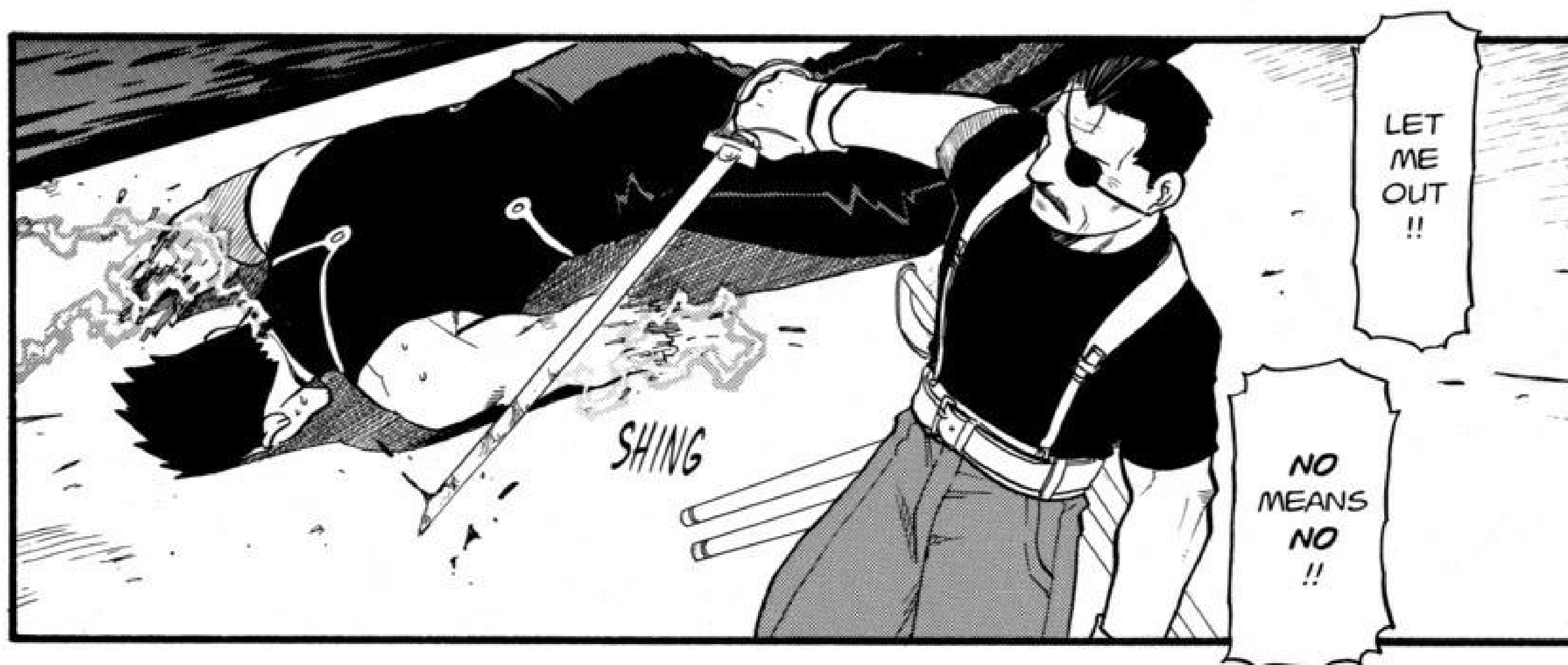
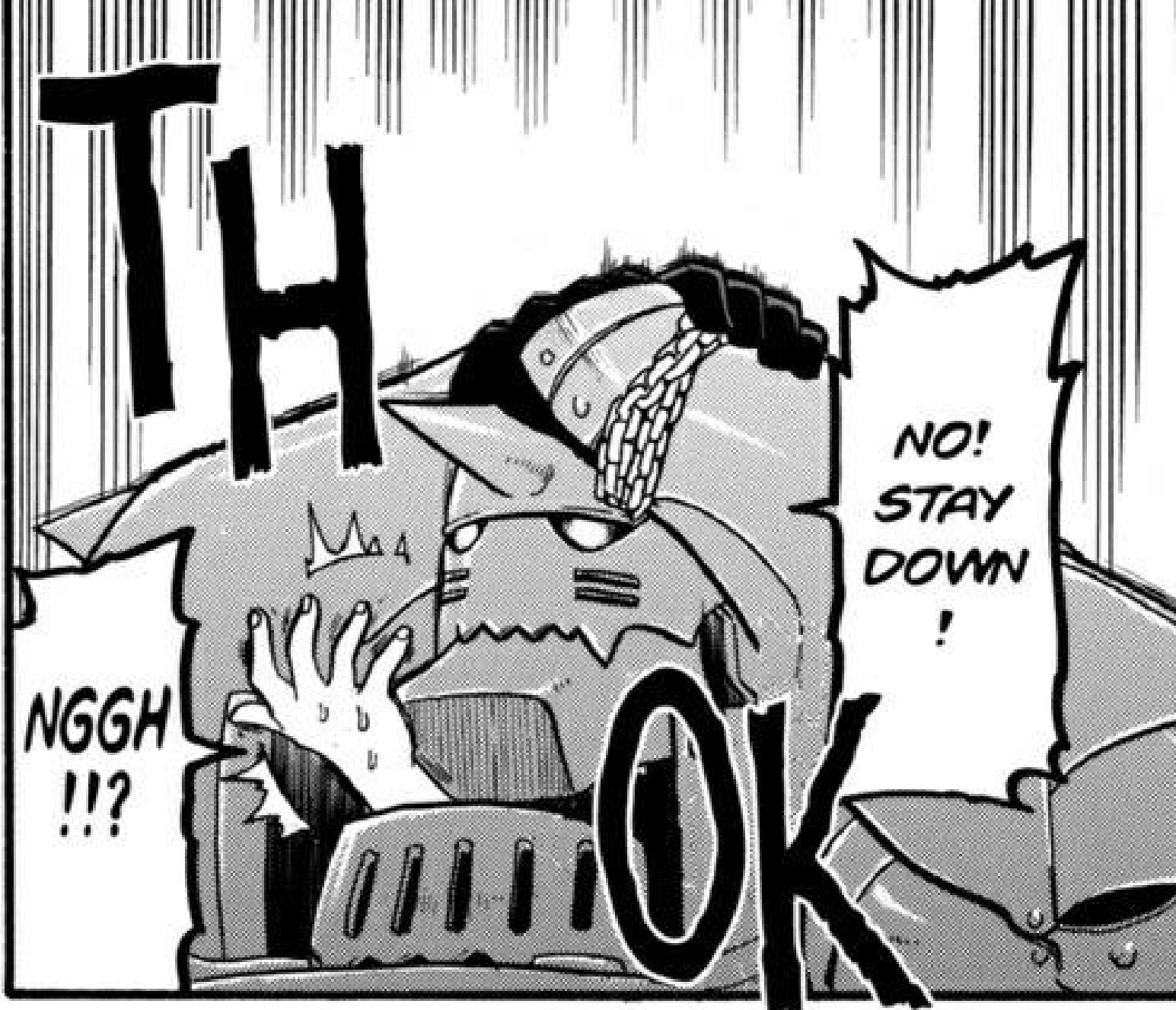
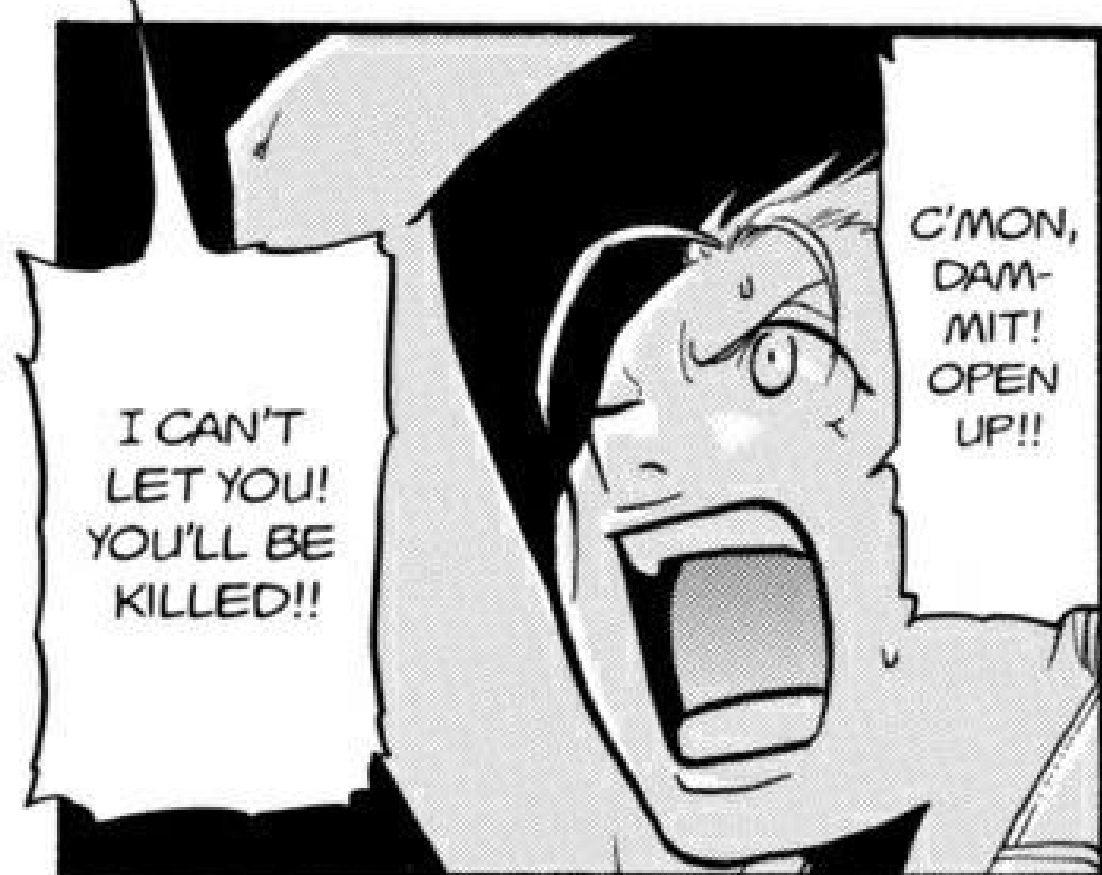
OW
OW
OW...













THIS IS
NOT
OUR
LUCKY
DAY.



IT
WOULD'VE
BEEN A
LOT EASIER
IF WE JUST
DIED BACK
THERE, HUH,
LOA?

AW,
CRAP.



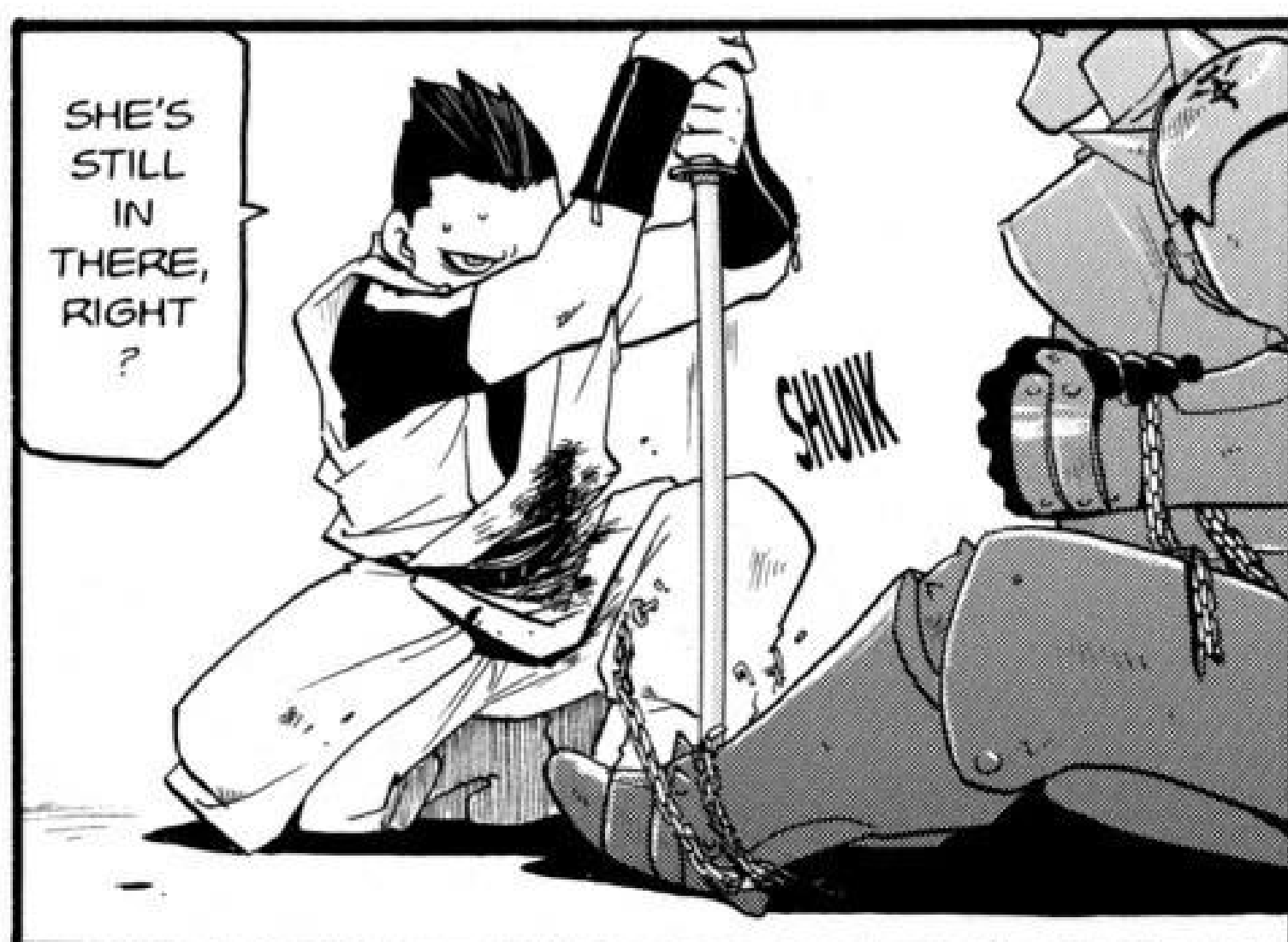
I'D LOVE
TO, BUT
LOOK
AT MY
MASTER...

SO PUT
YOUR TAIL
BETWEEN
YOUR LEGS
AND RUN,
DORCHET.



STAGGER

WHY THIS
DO SUCKS.
DOGS
HAVE TO
BE SO
LOYAL
?



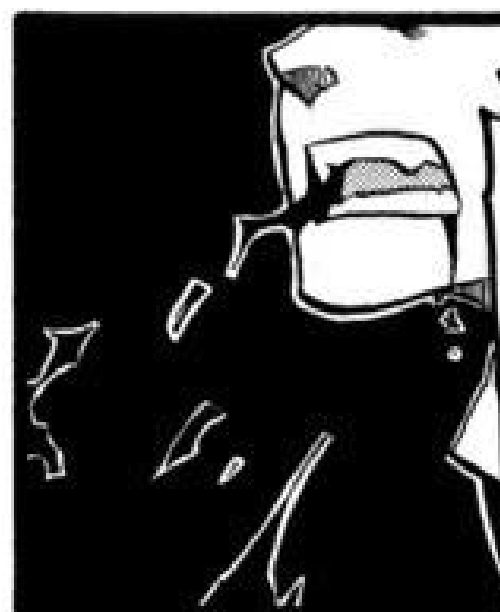


BANG
BANG



NO!!
YOU CAN'T
COME
OUT RIGHT
NOW!!

SHUT
UP!!
YOU
CAN'T
KEEP
ME
HERE
!!



BANG

I
MADE
A
PROMISE
!

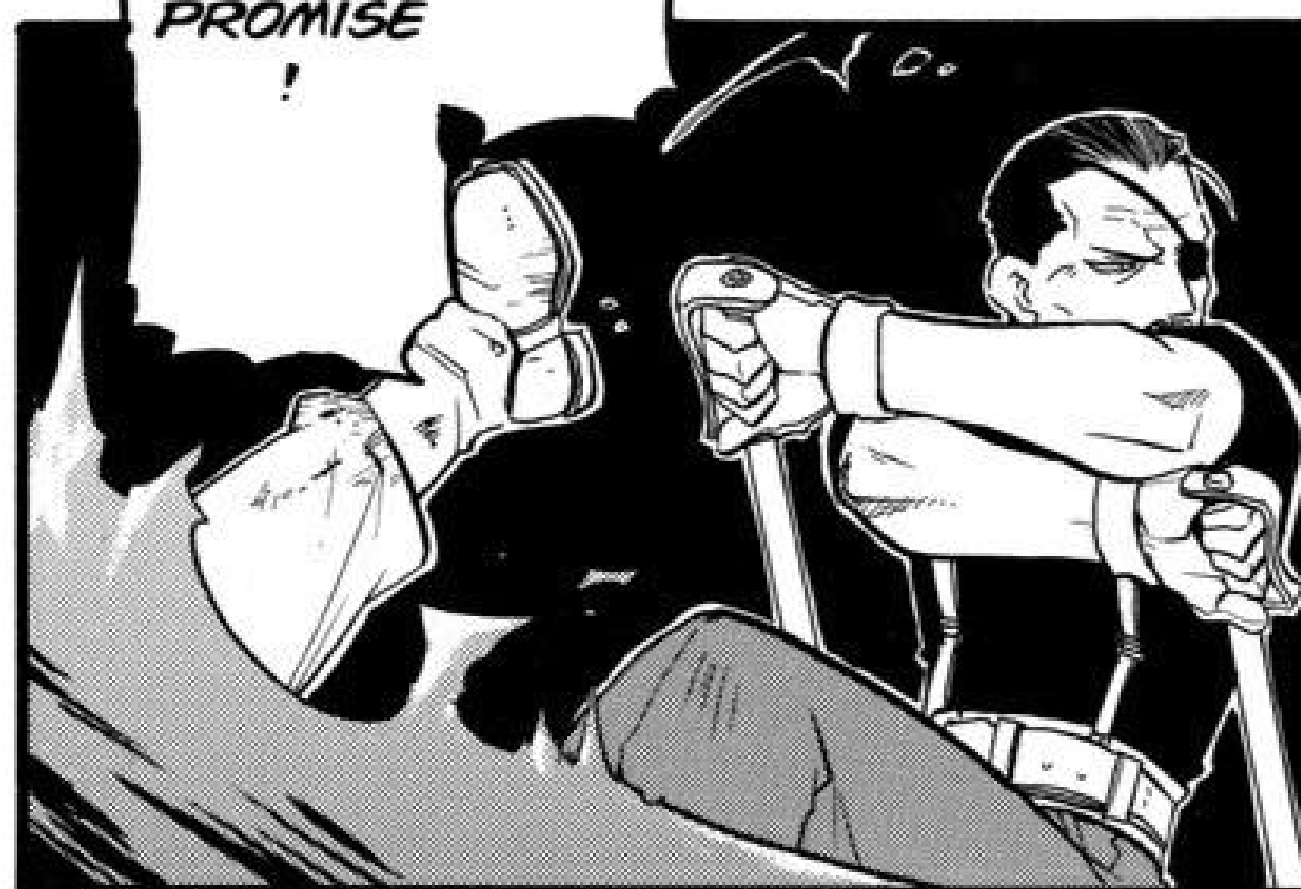
I
CAN'T
LET
YOU
OUT
!!

CLANG

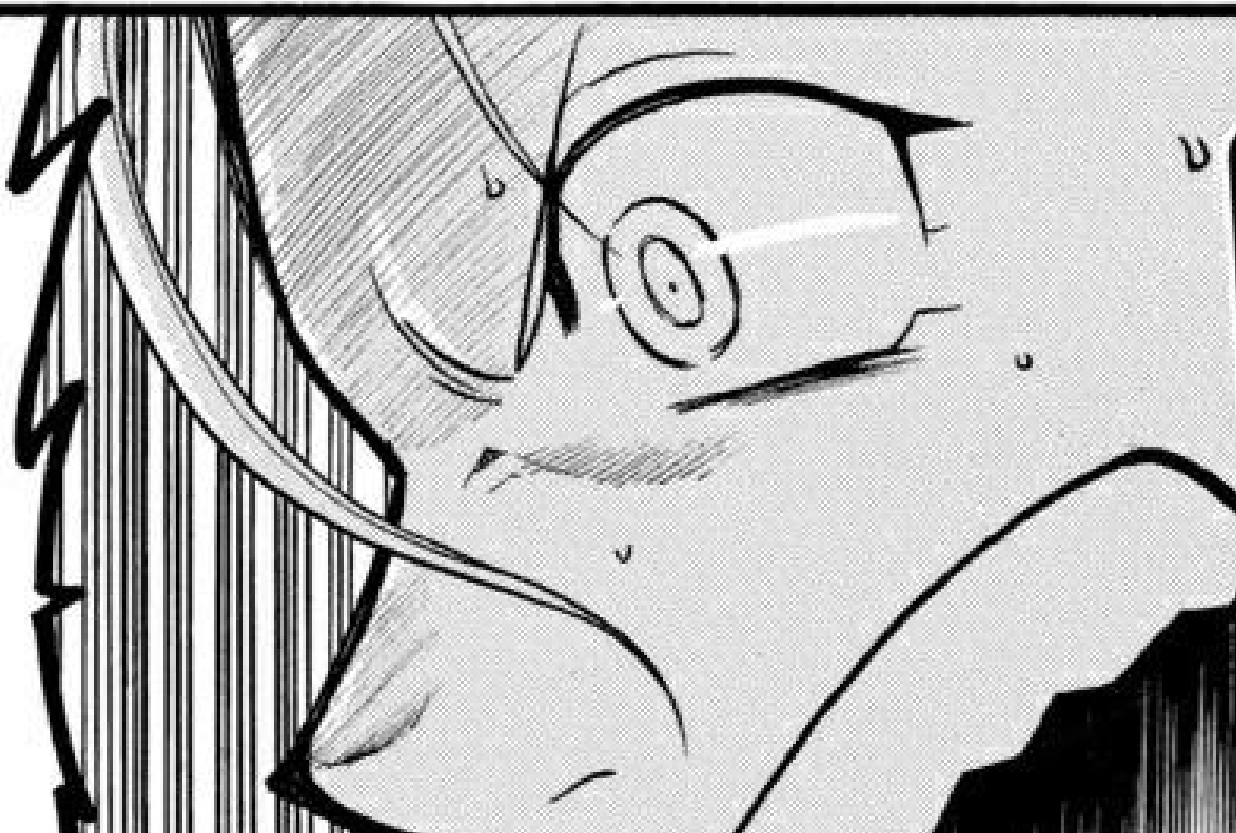
BANG

CLANG

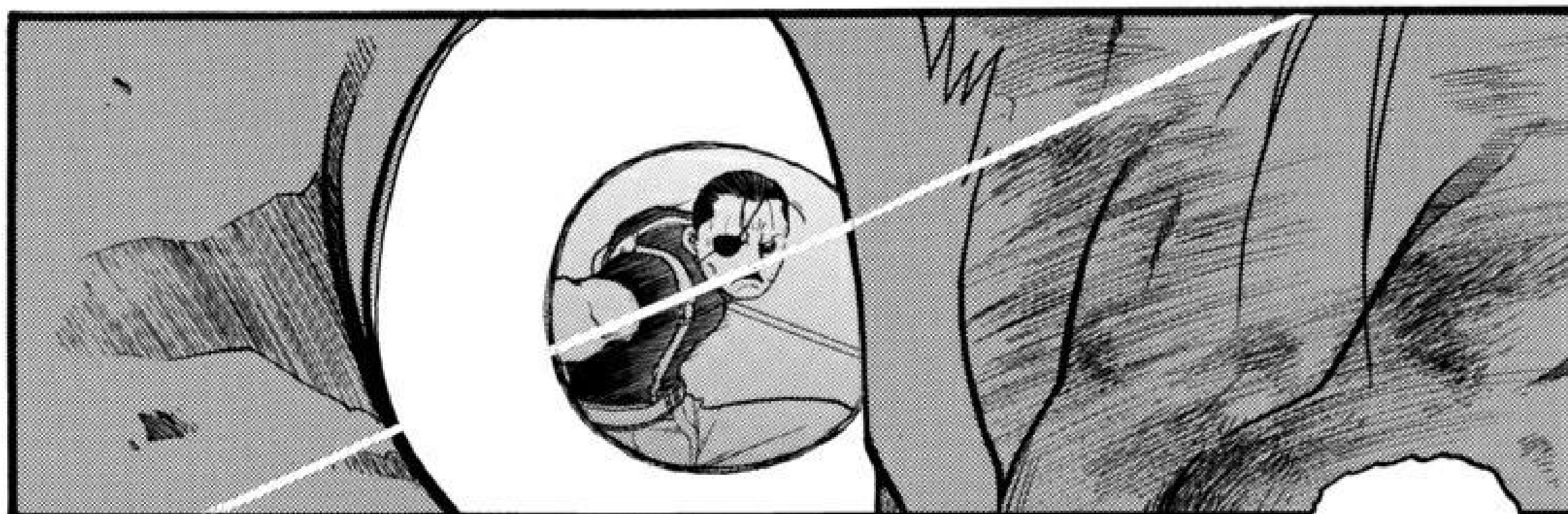
DO YOU
EXPECT
ME TO
STAND BY
AND LET
MY
FRIENDS
DIE!?

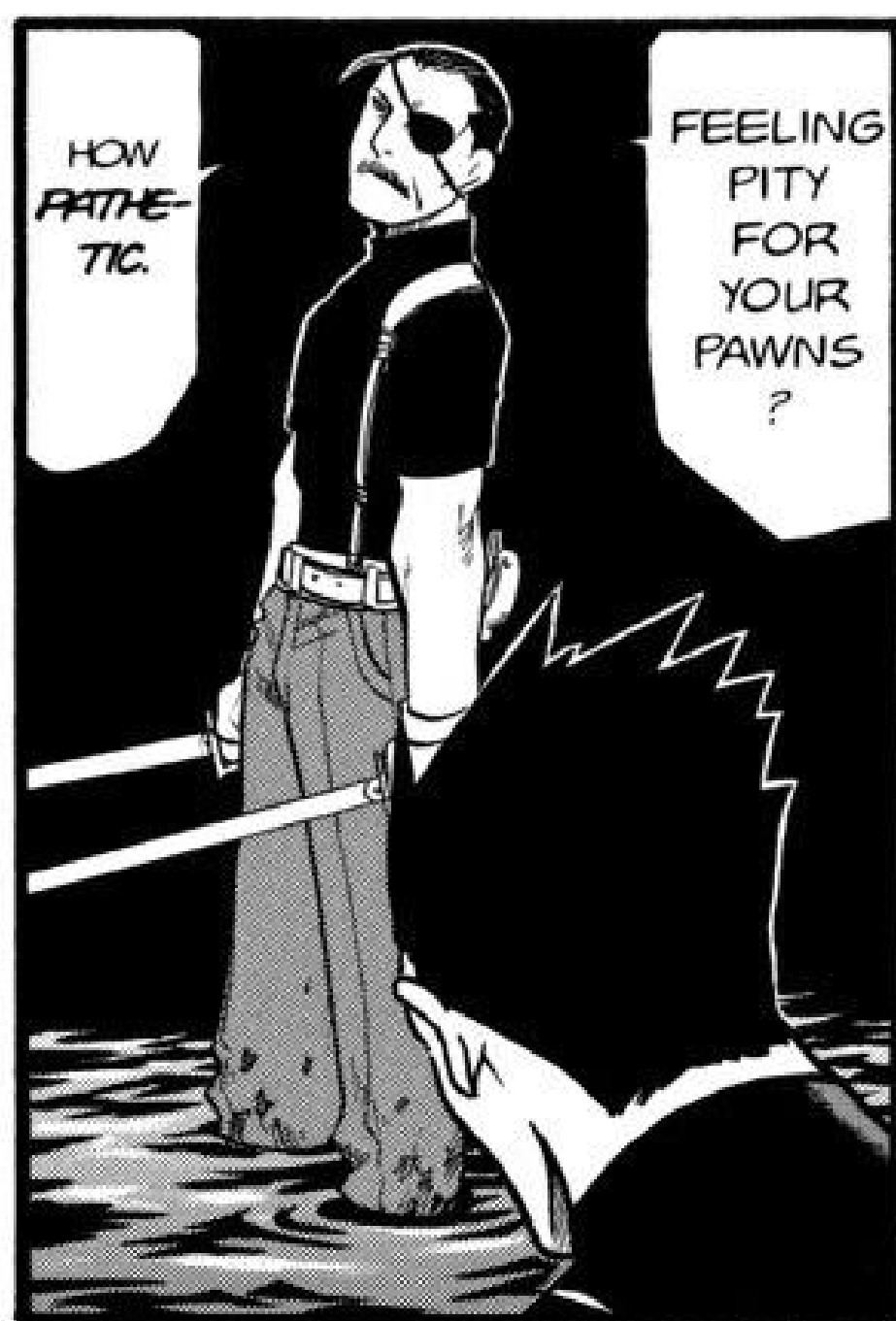


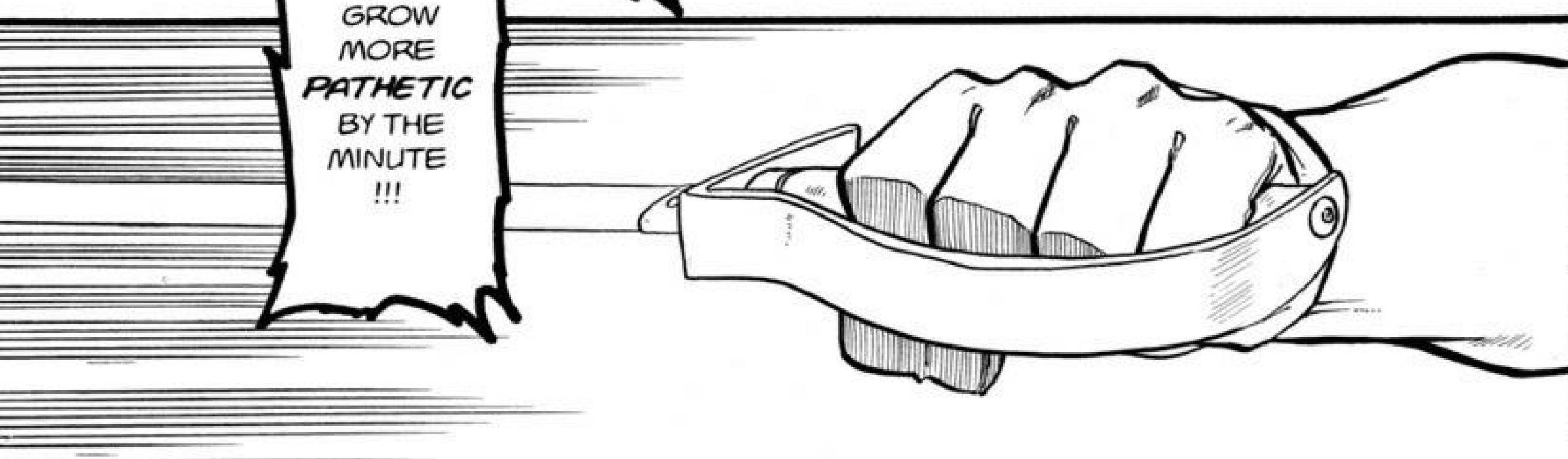
**OPEN,
DAMN
YOU!!!!**



BANG







SPLASH

DON'T
GO
ANY-
WHERE.

SHKSHK









ZM ZM

ZM

ZM

ZM

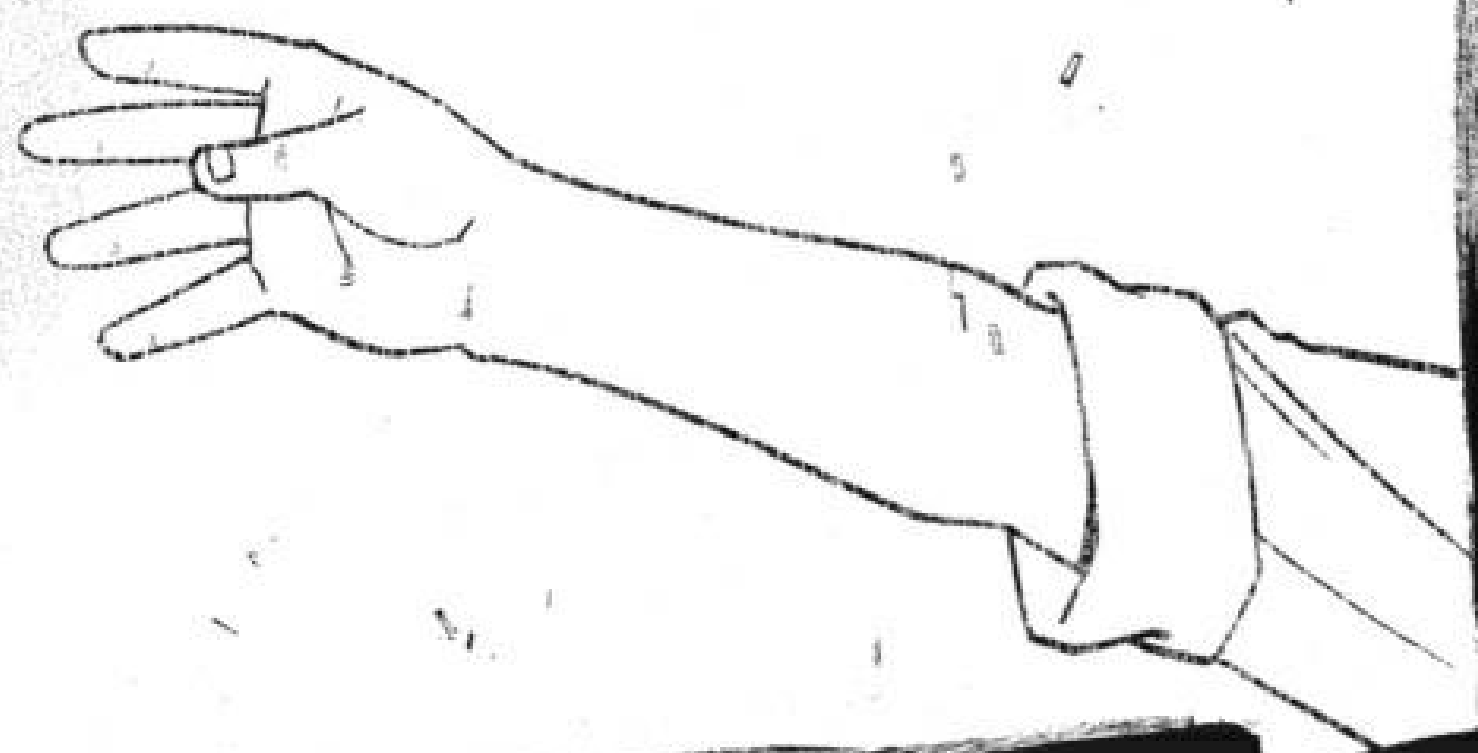
MOM...



ZM

ZM

ZM



ZM

ZM

GR

AB



FSSS
H



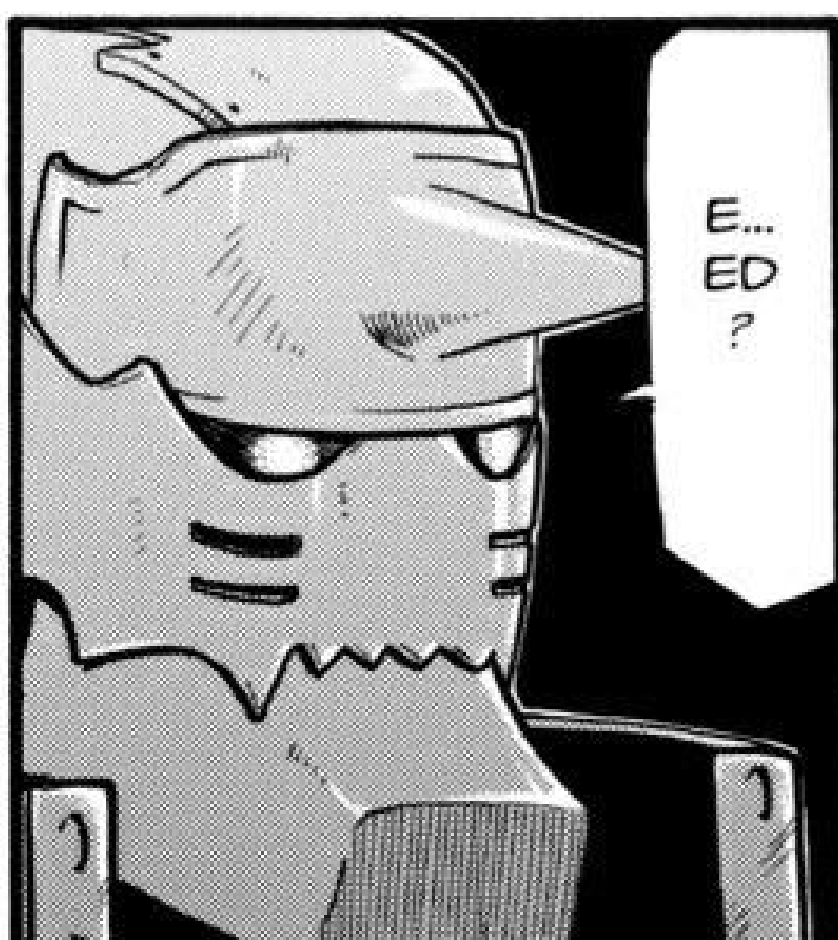
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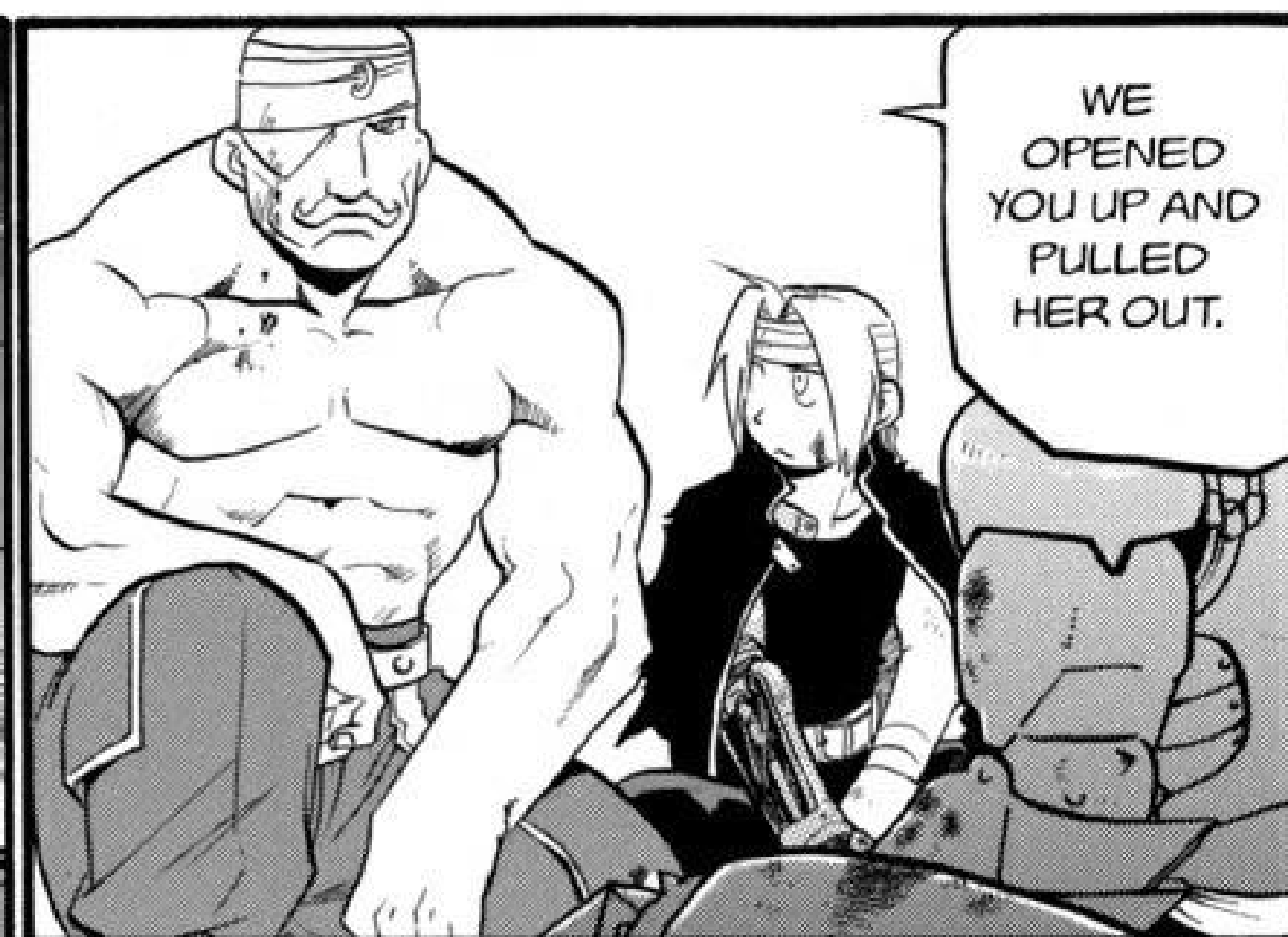
AL !!

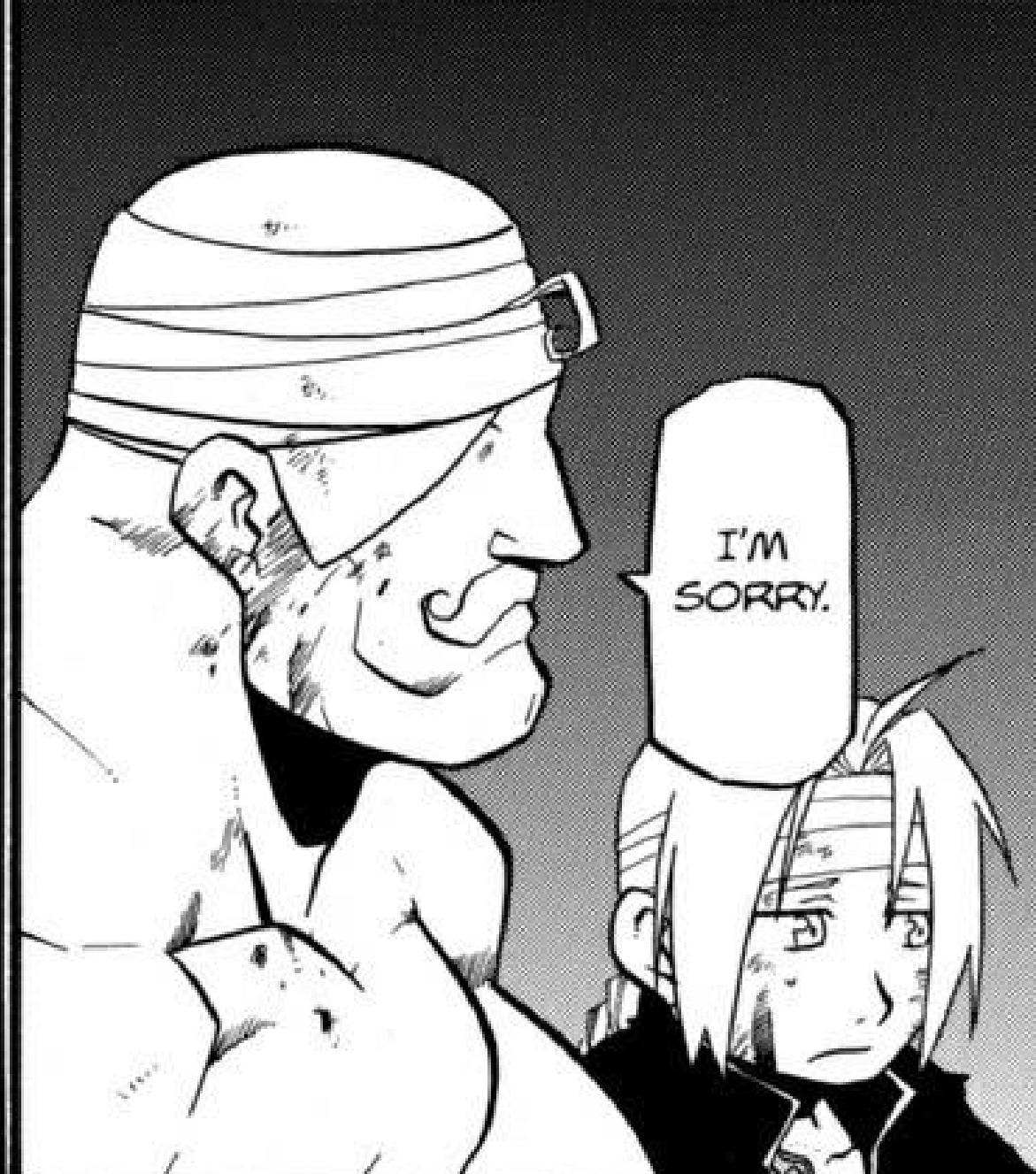
CLANG

WAKE UP !!

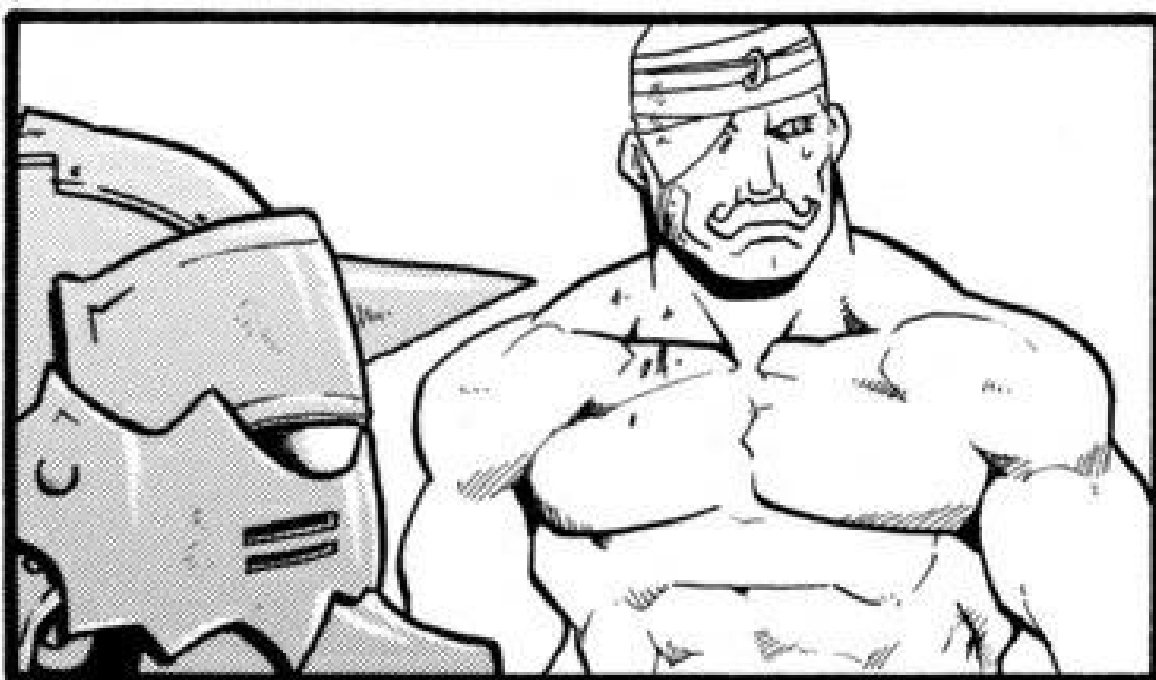
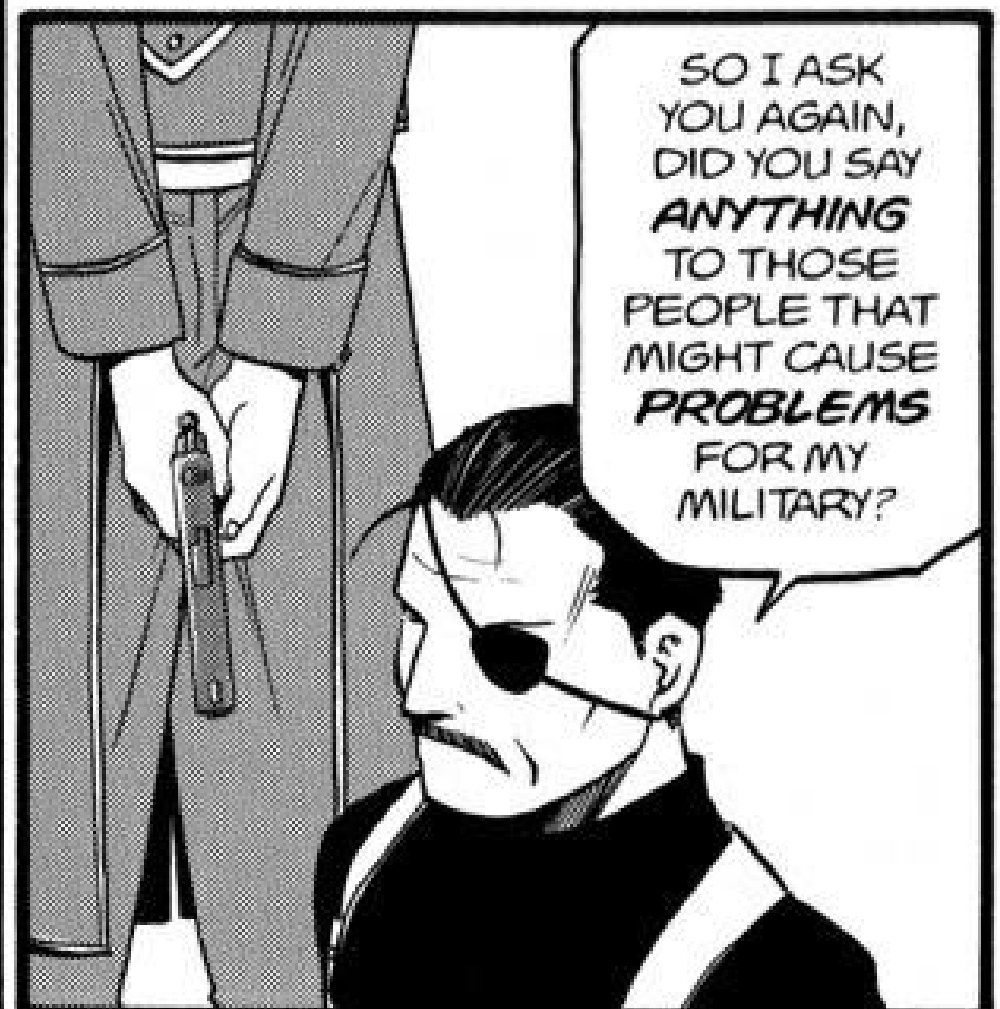
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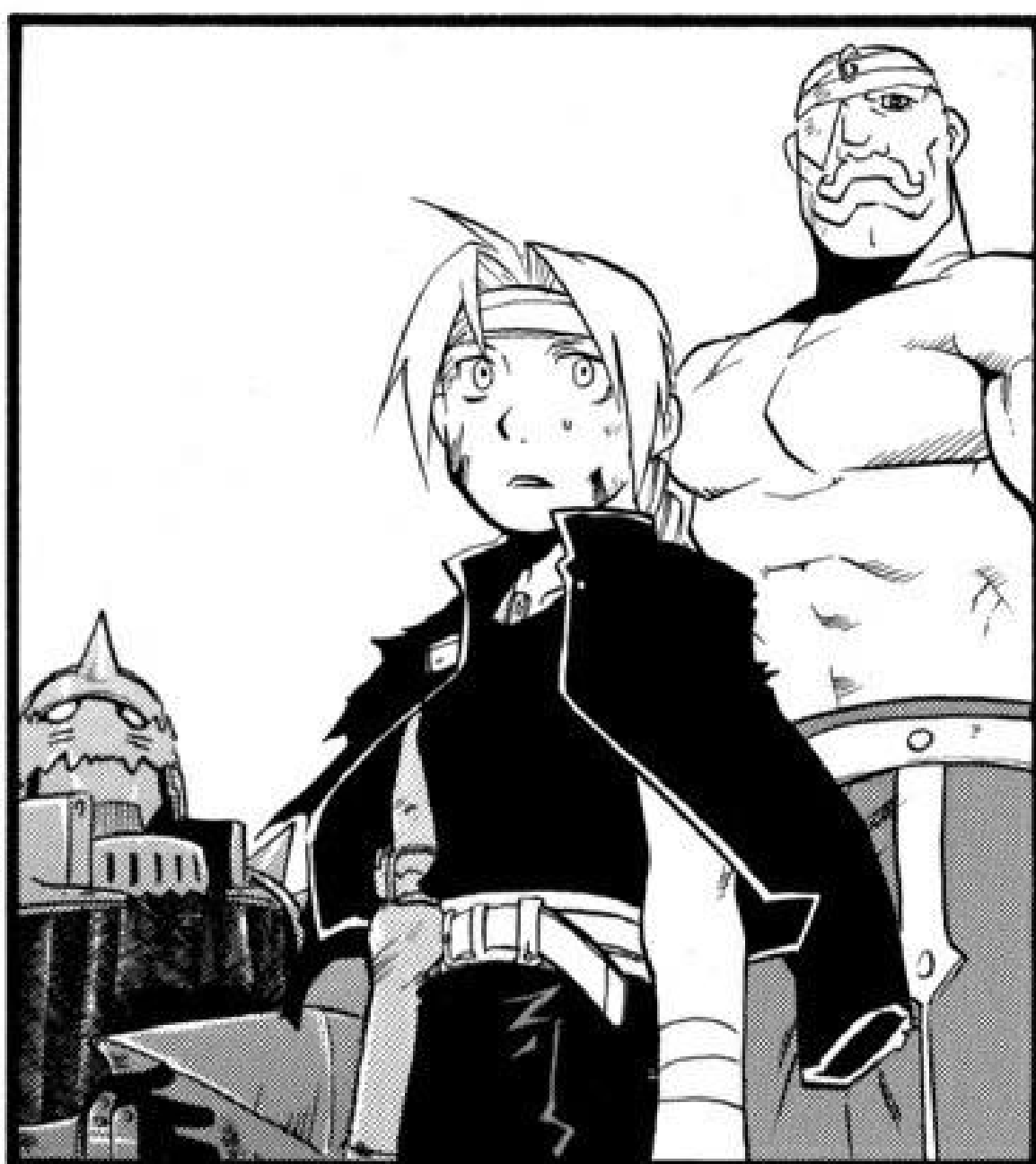
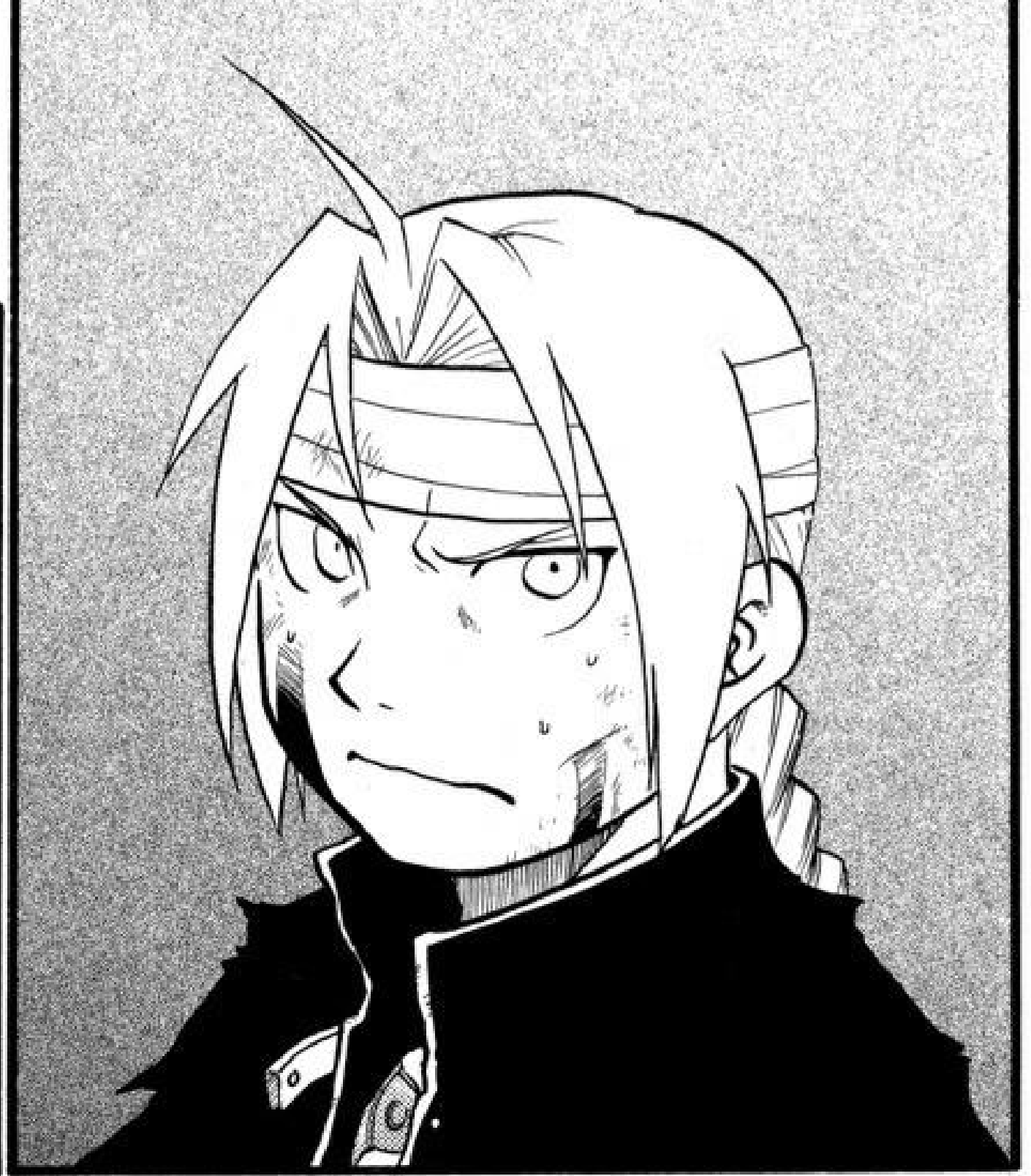


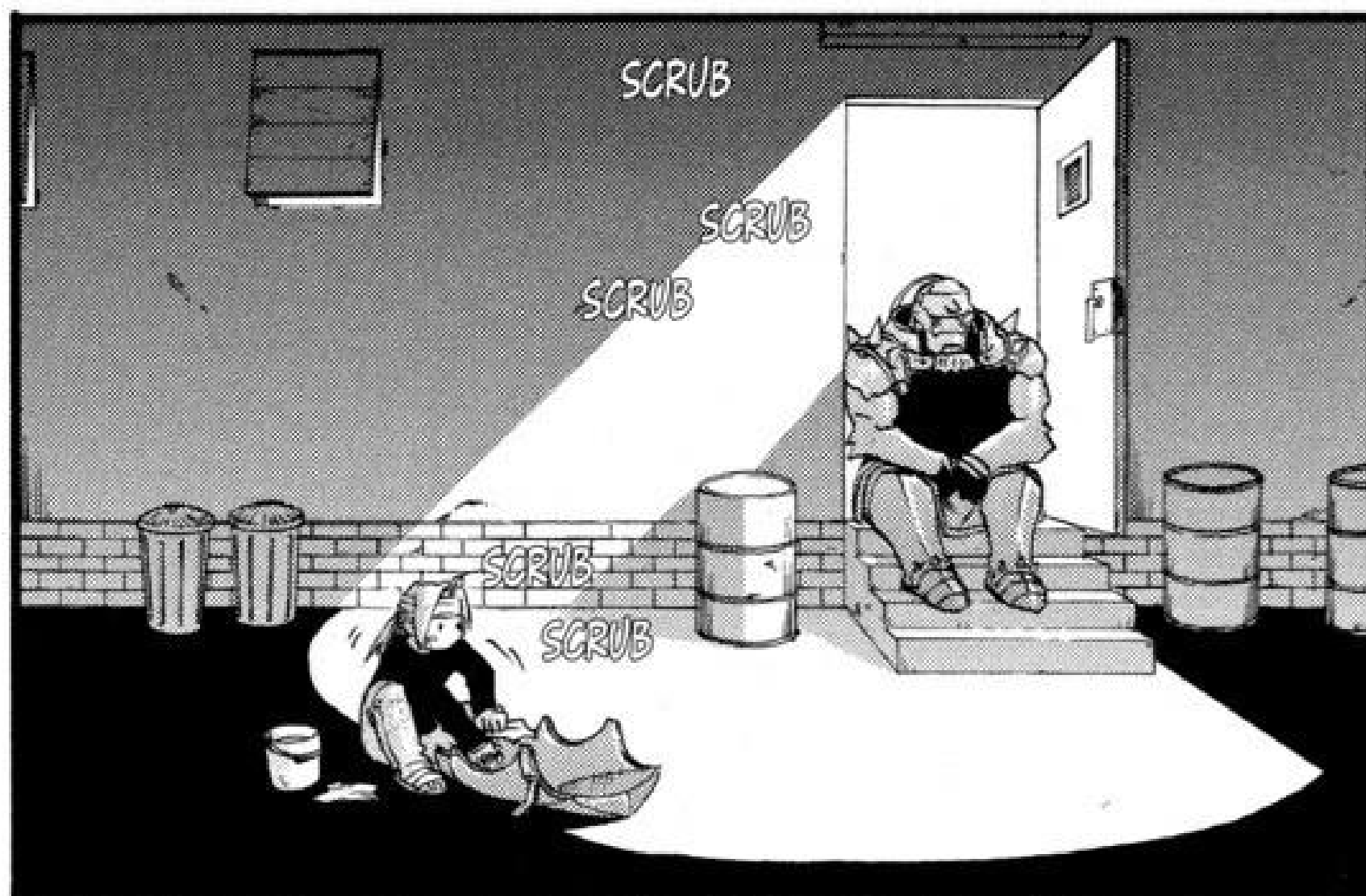


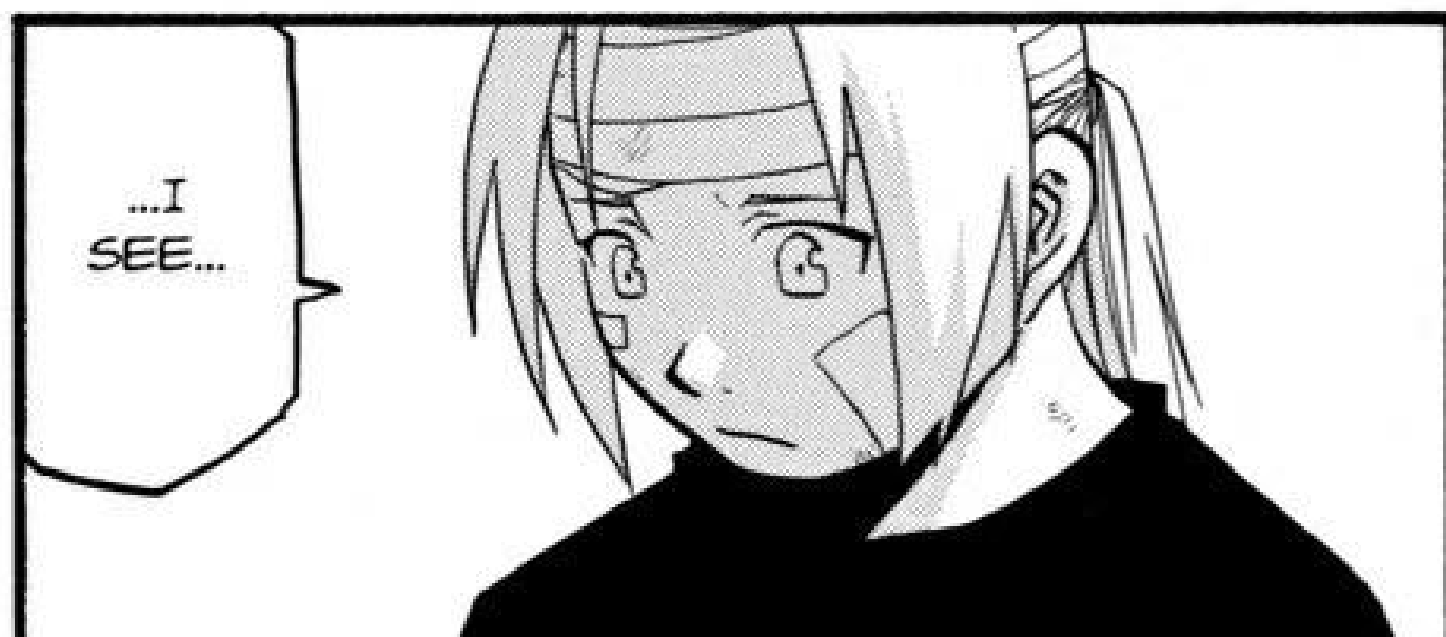
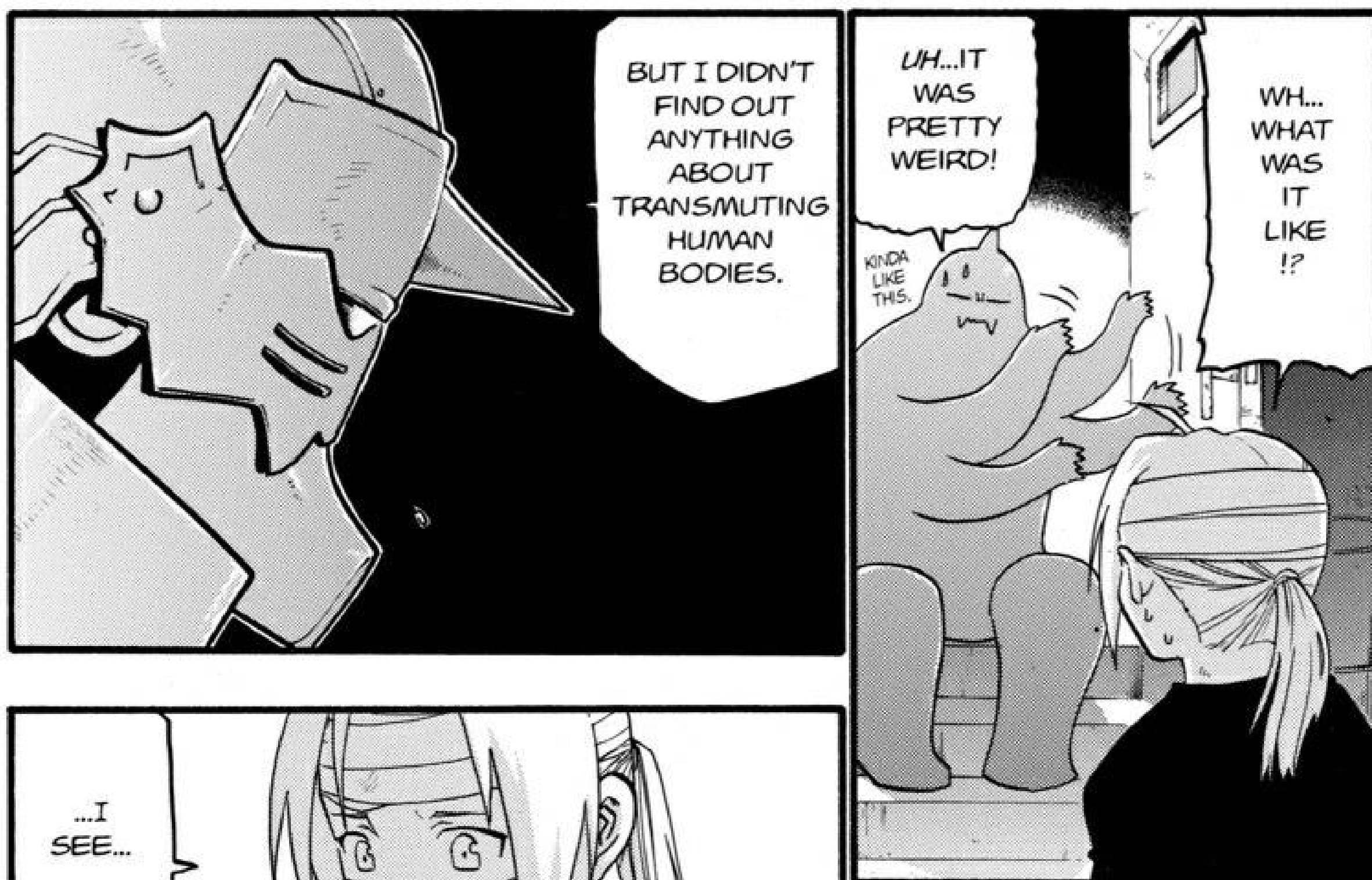
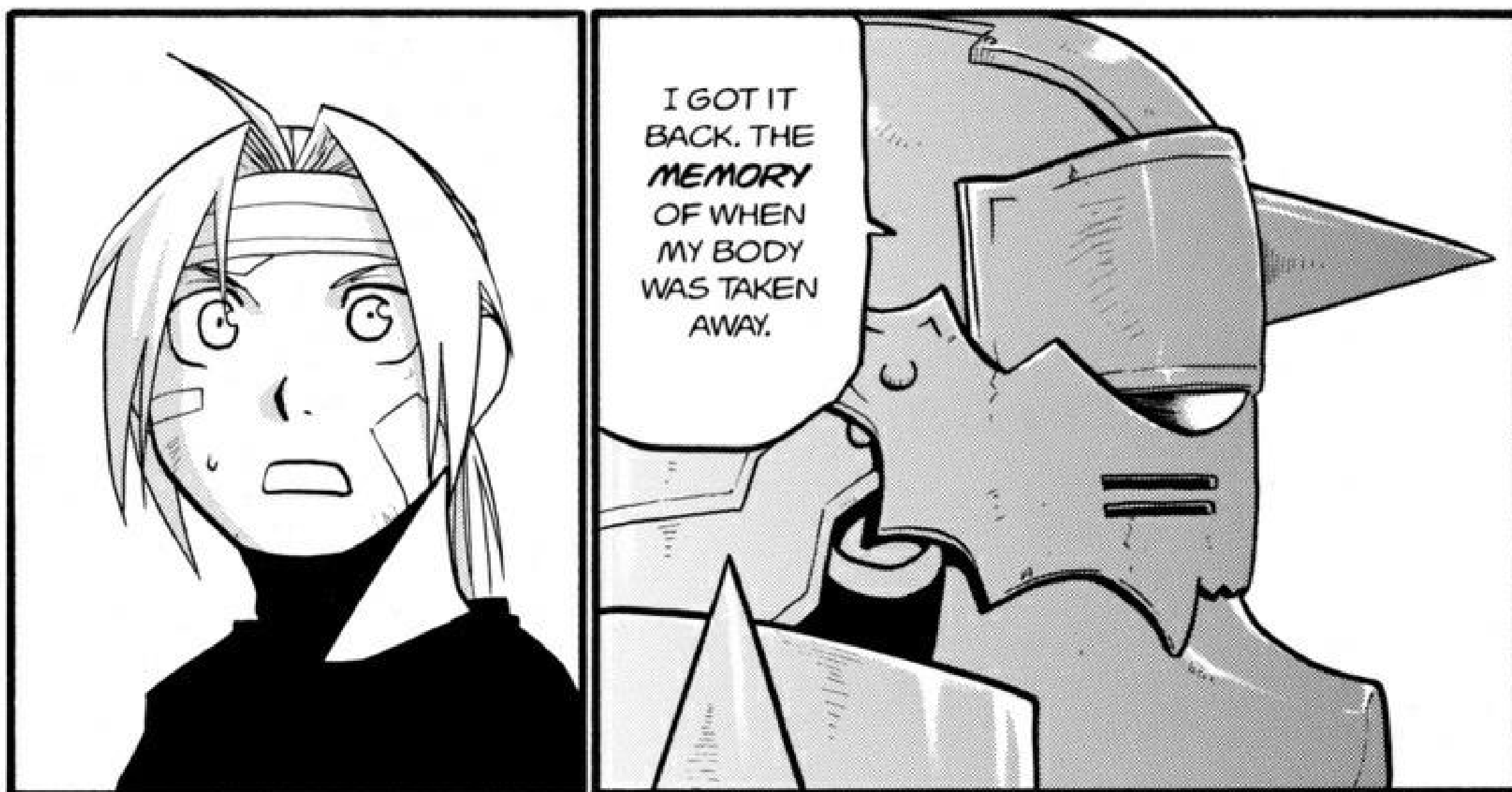






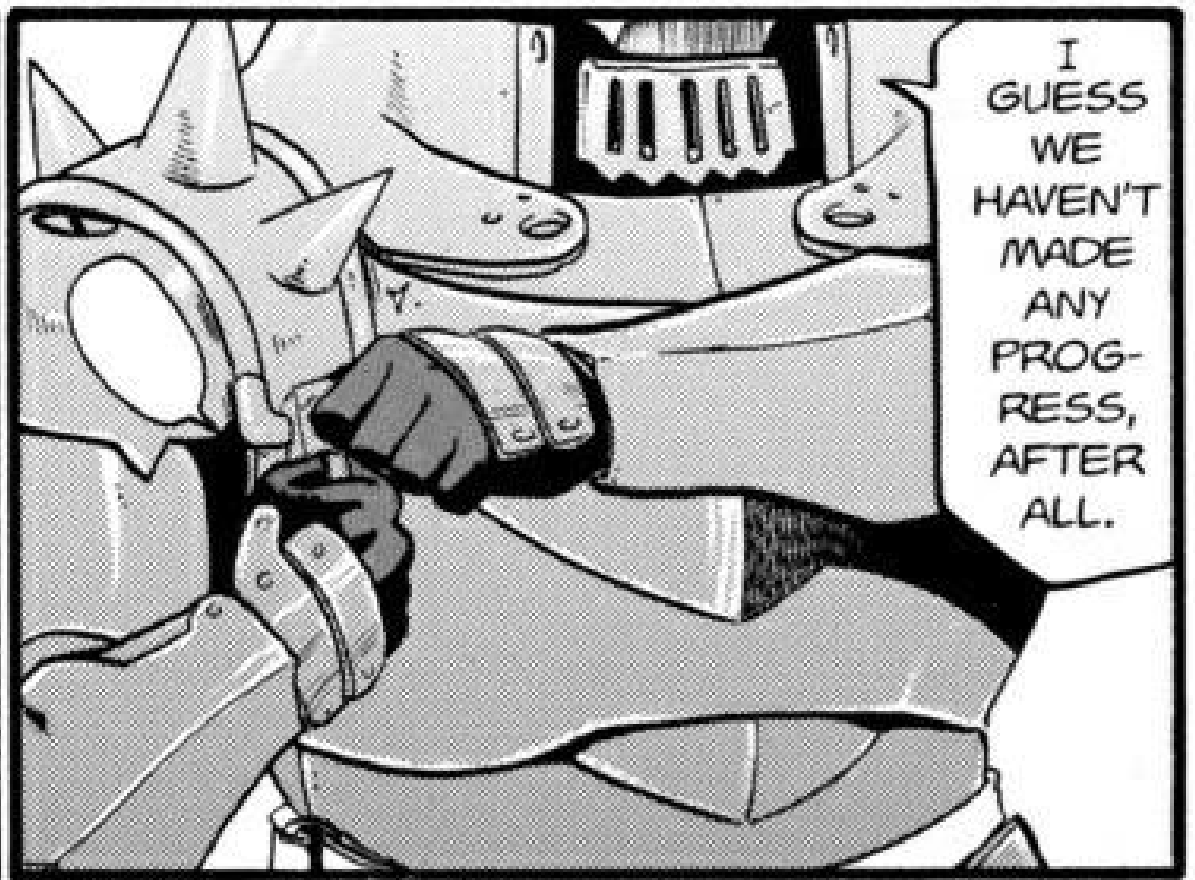




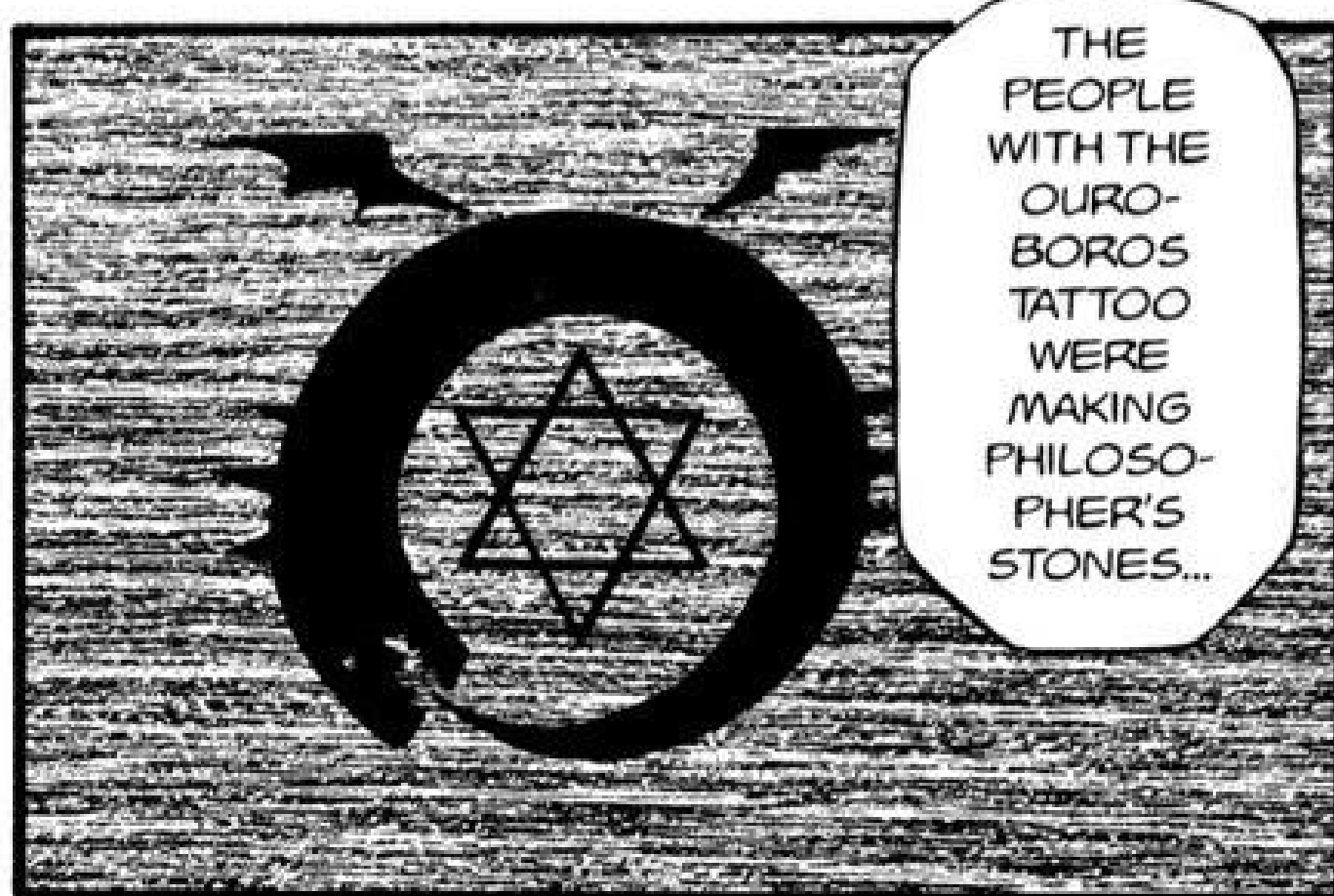




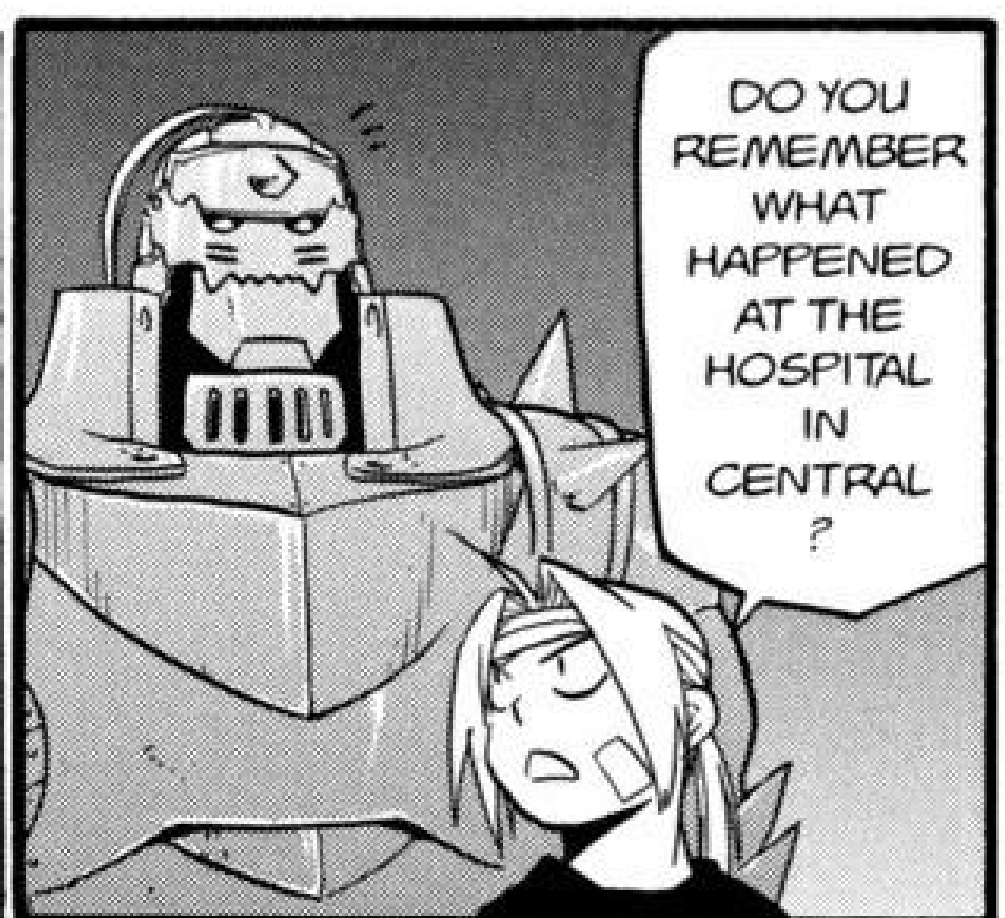
NO.
THAT'S
NOT
TRUE.



I
GUESS
WE
HAVEN'T
MADE
ANY
PROG-
RESS,
AFTER
ALL.



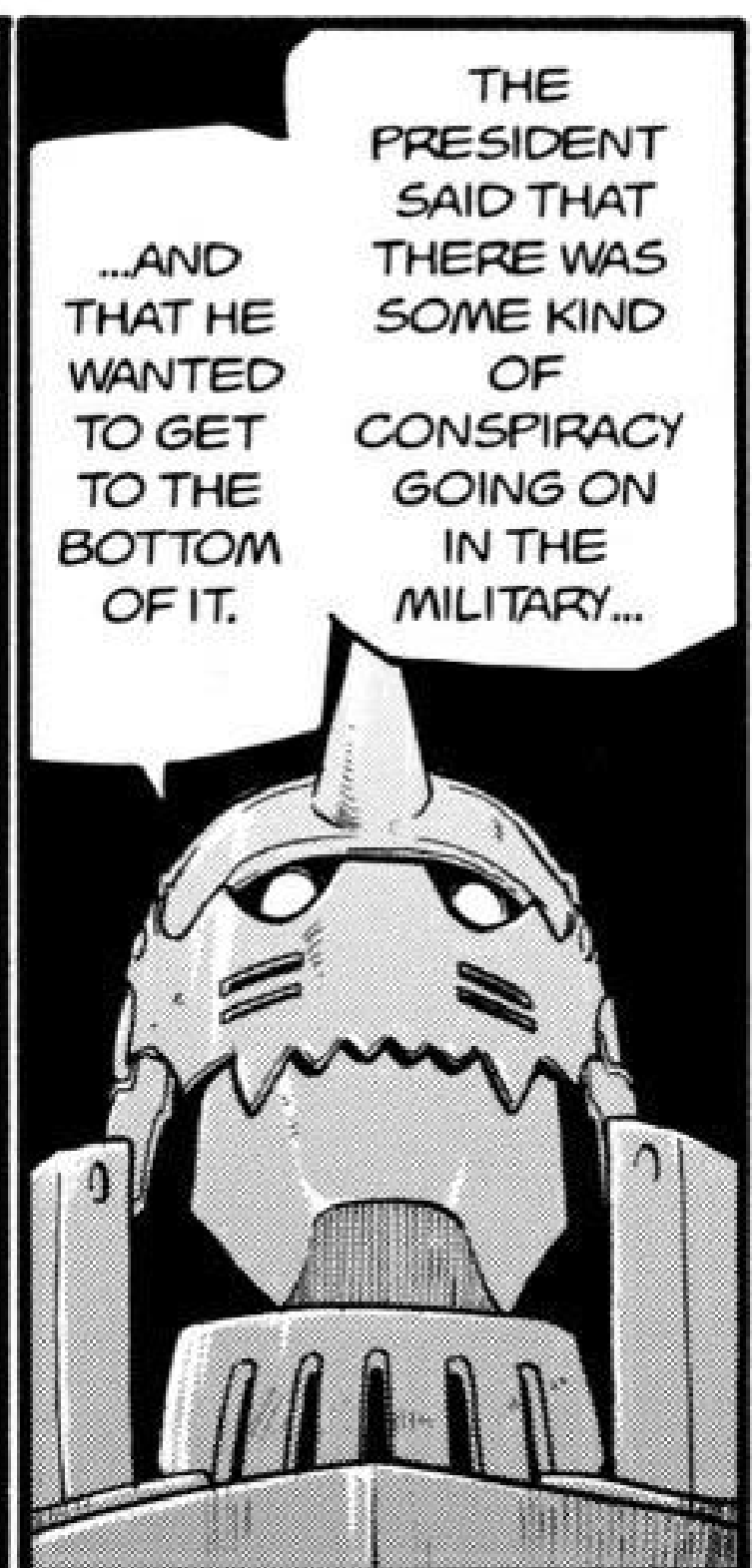
THE
PEOPLE
WITH THE
OURO-
BOROS
TATTOO
WERE
MAKING
PHILOSO-
PHER'S
STONES...



DO YOU
REMEMBER
WHAT
HAPPENED
AT THE
HOSPITAL
IN
CENTRAL
?

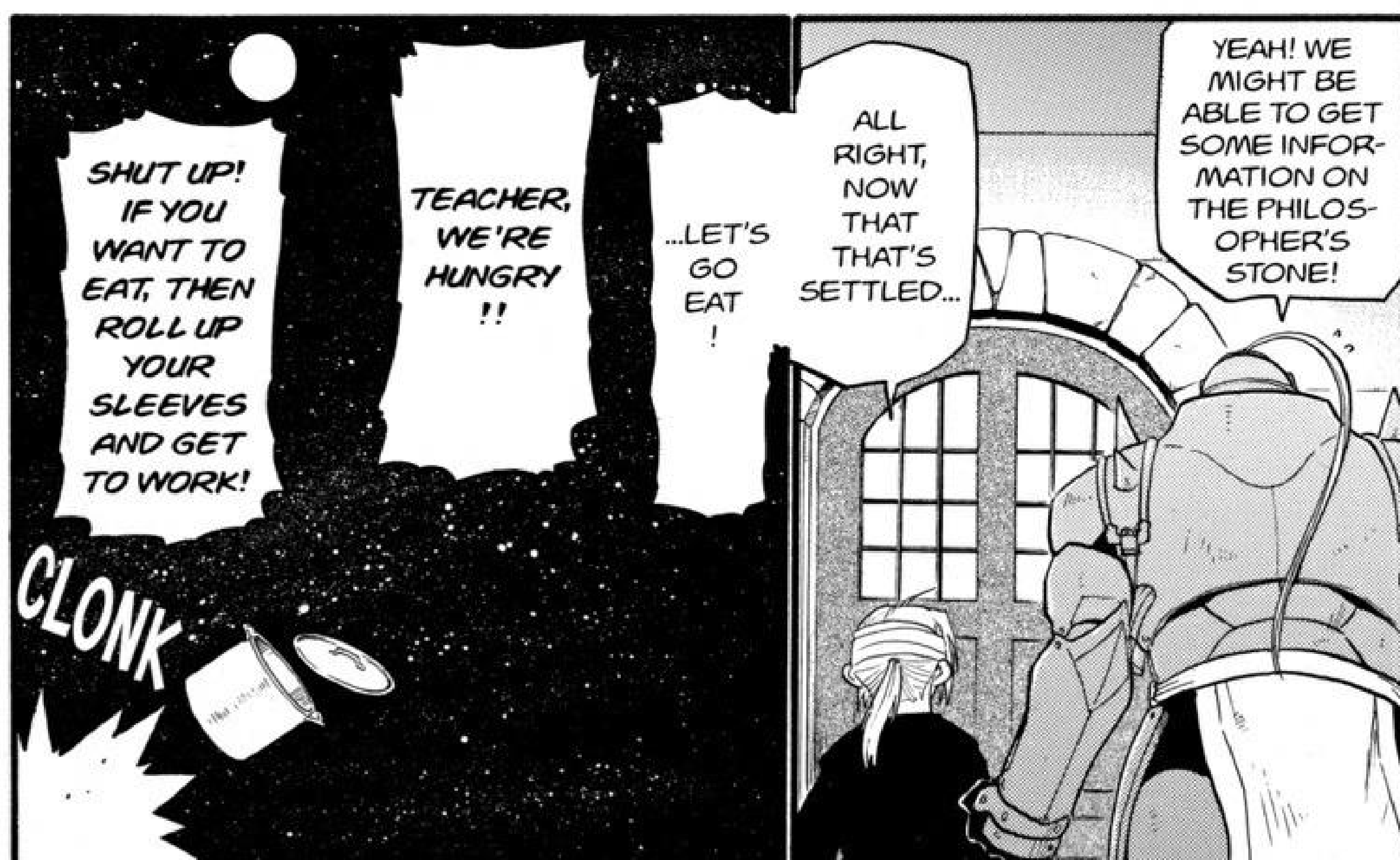


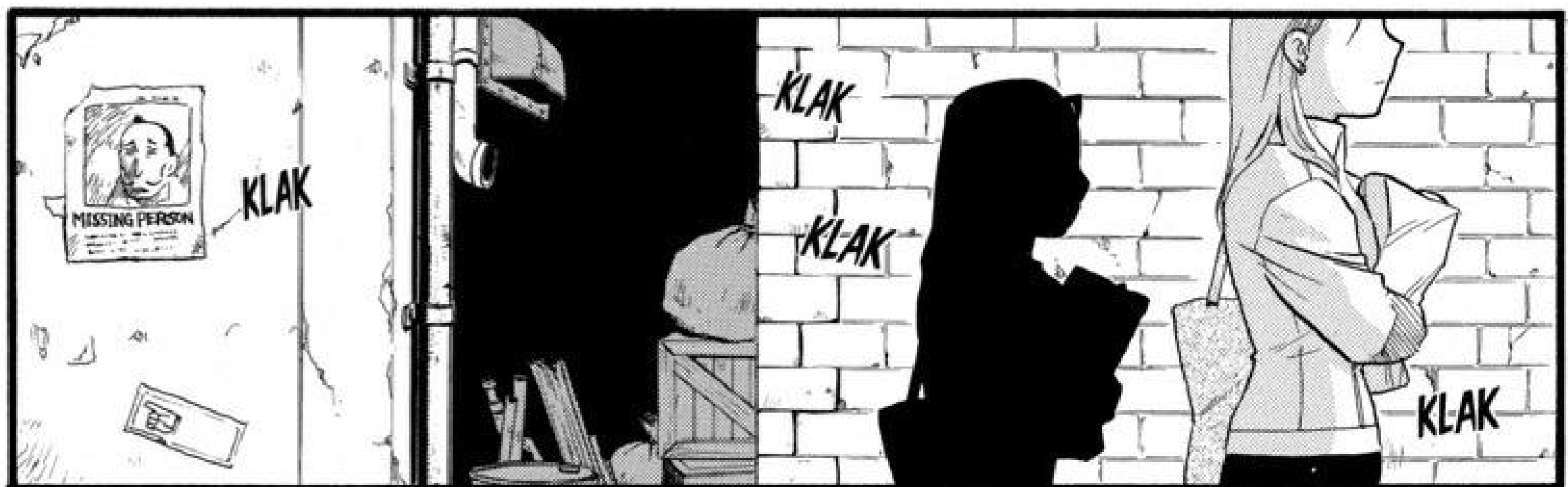
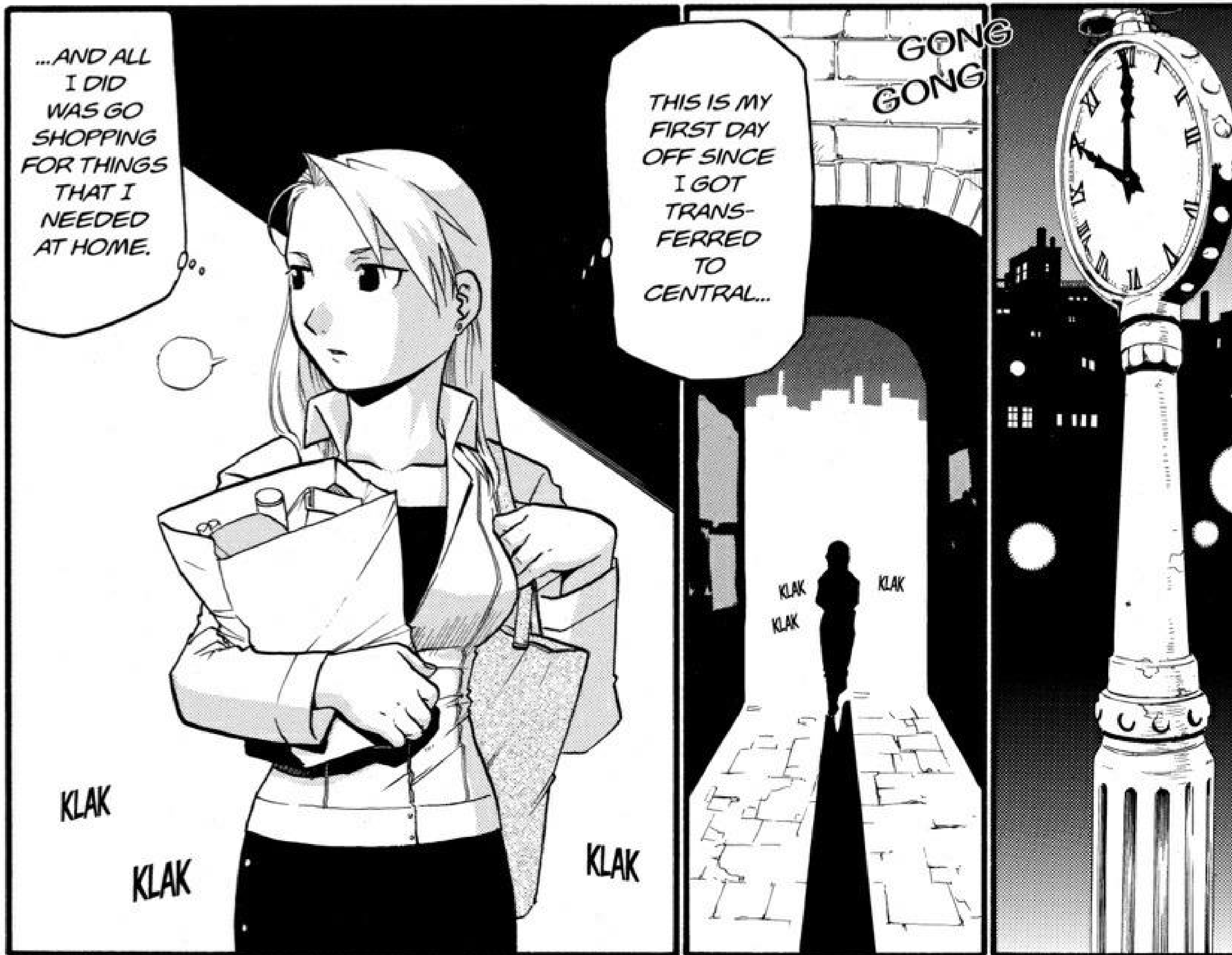
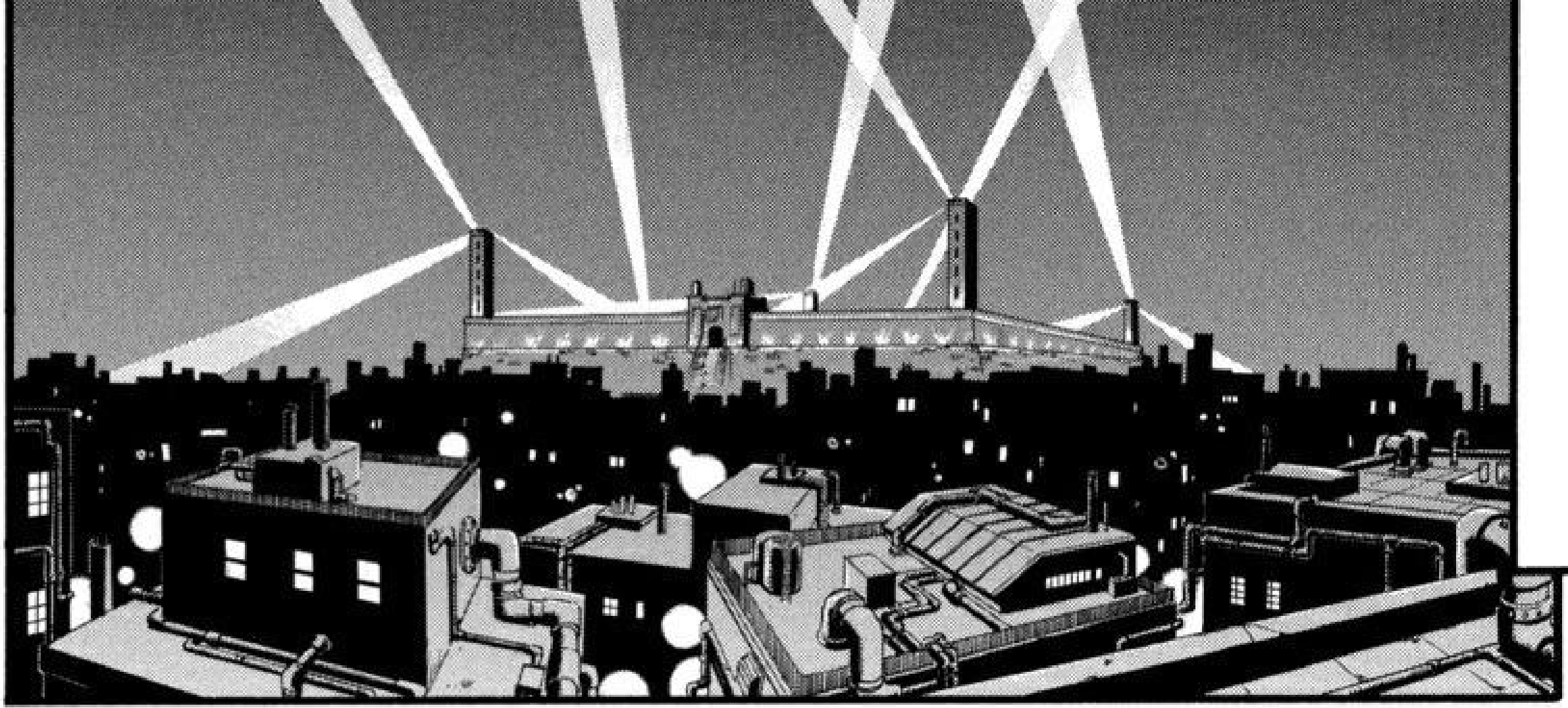
SO, WHY
DID HE
HAVE
TO **KILL**
THEM
ALL?

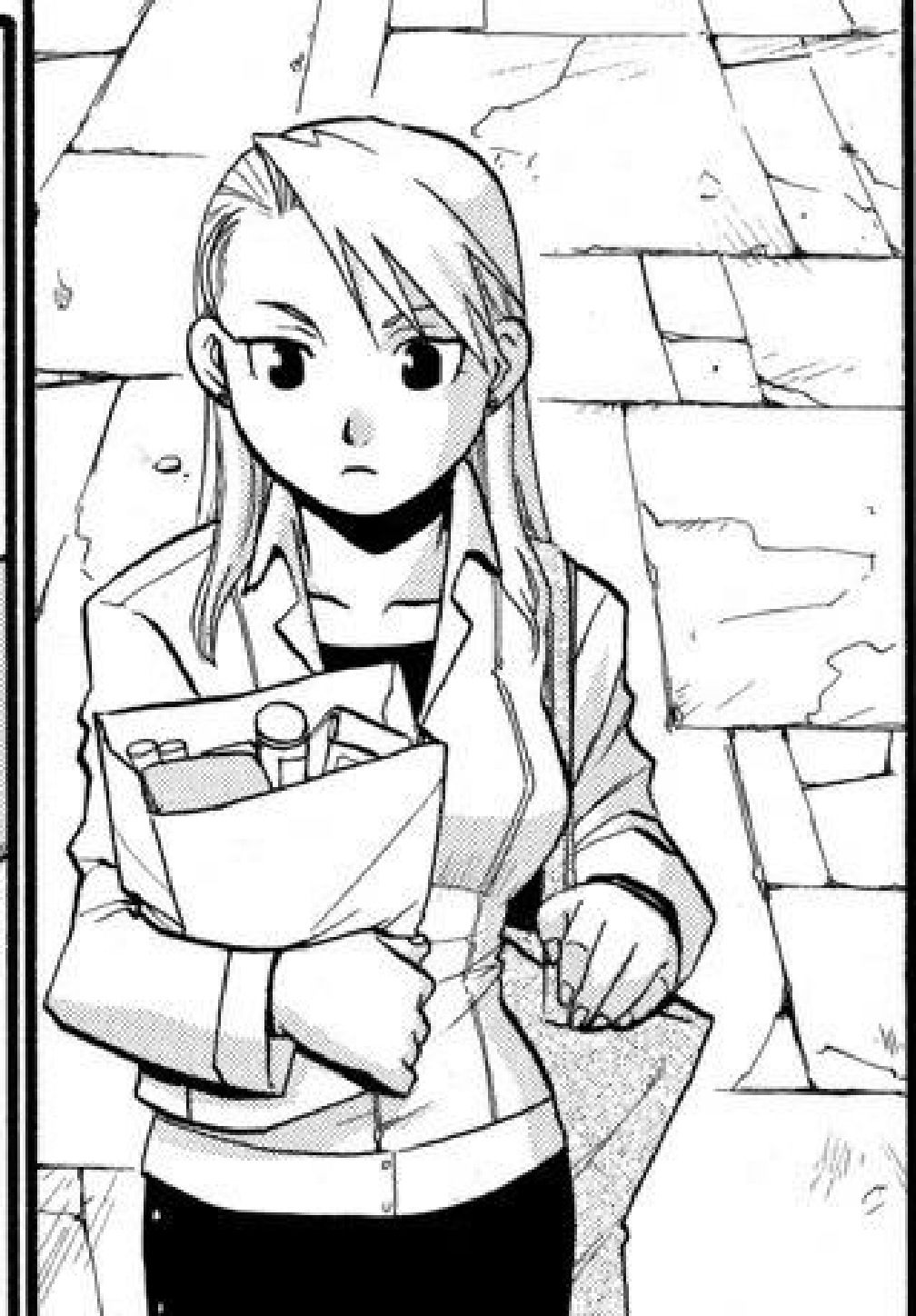
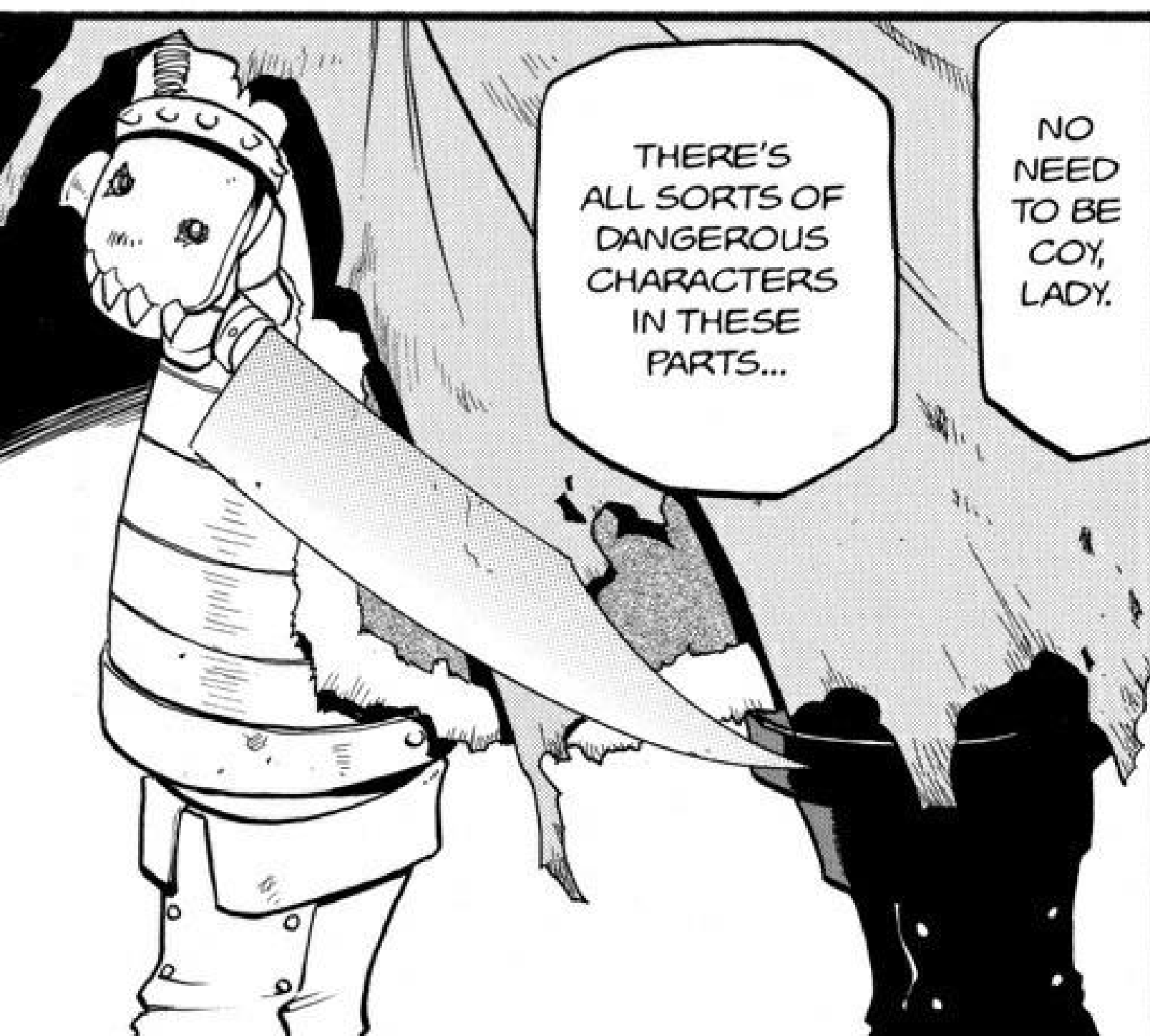
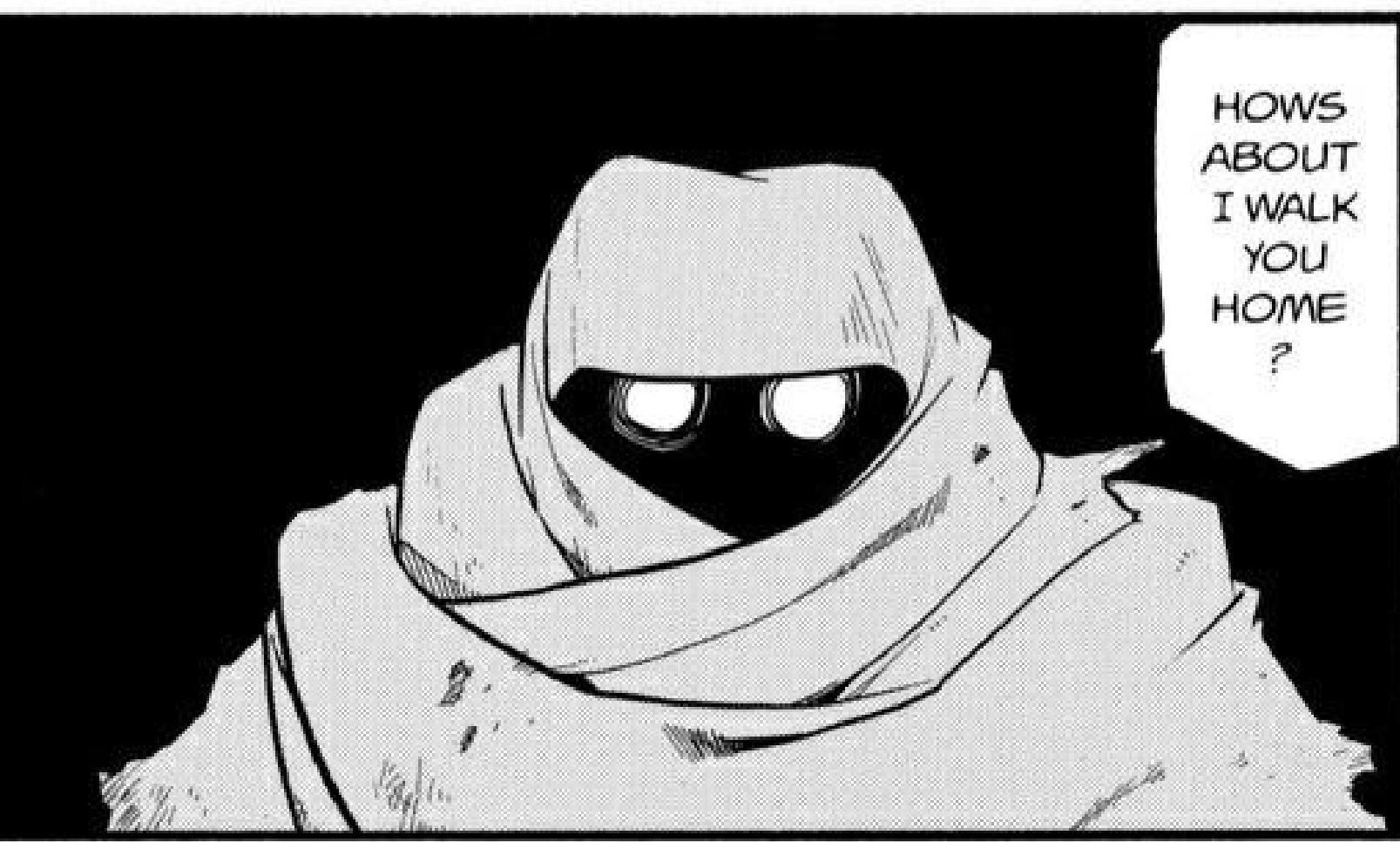
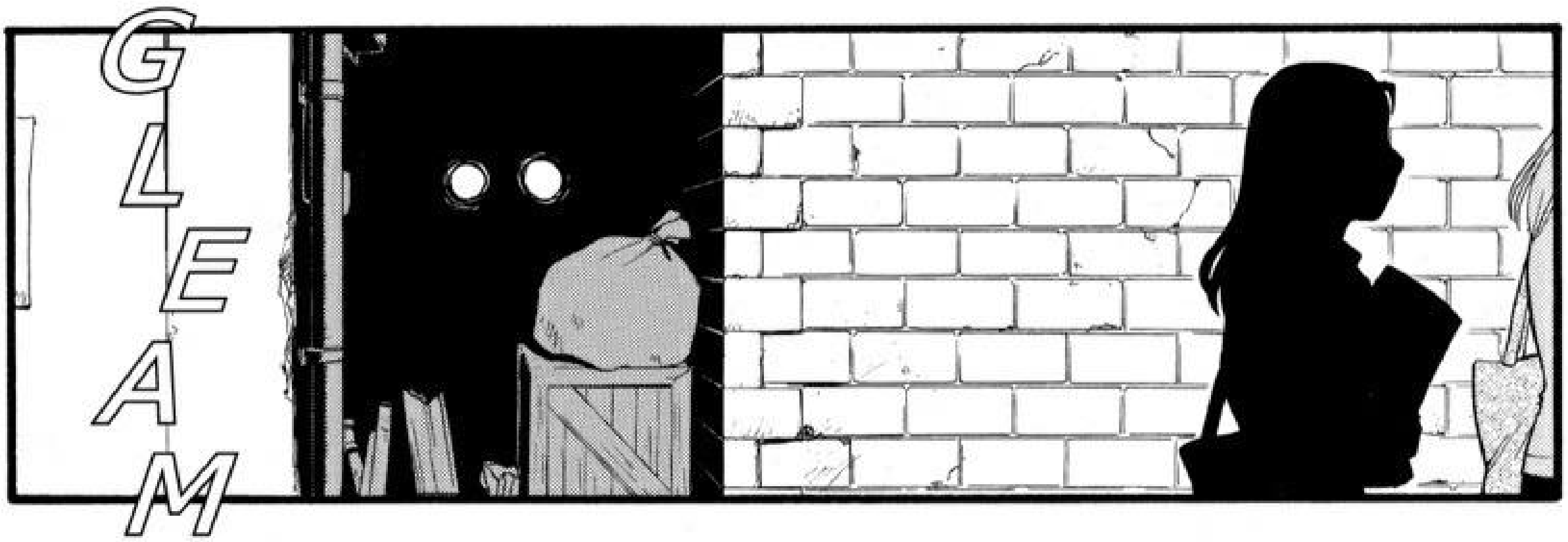


...AND
THAT HE
WANTED
TO GET
TO THE
BOTTOM
OF IT.

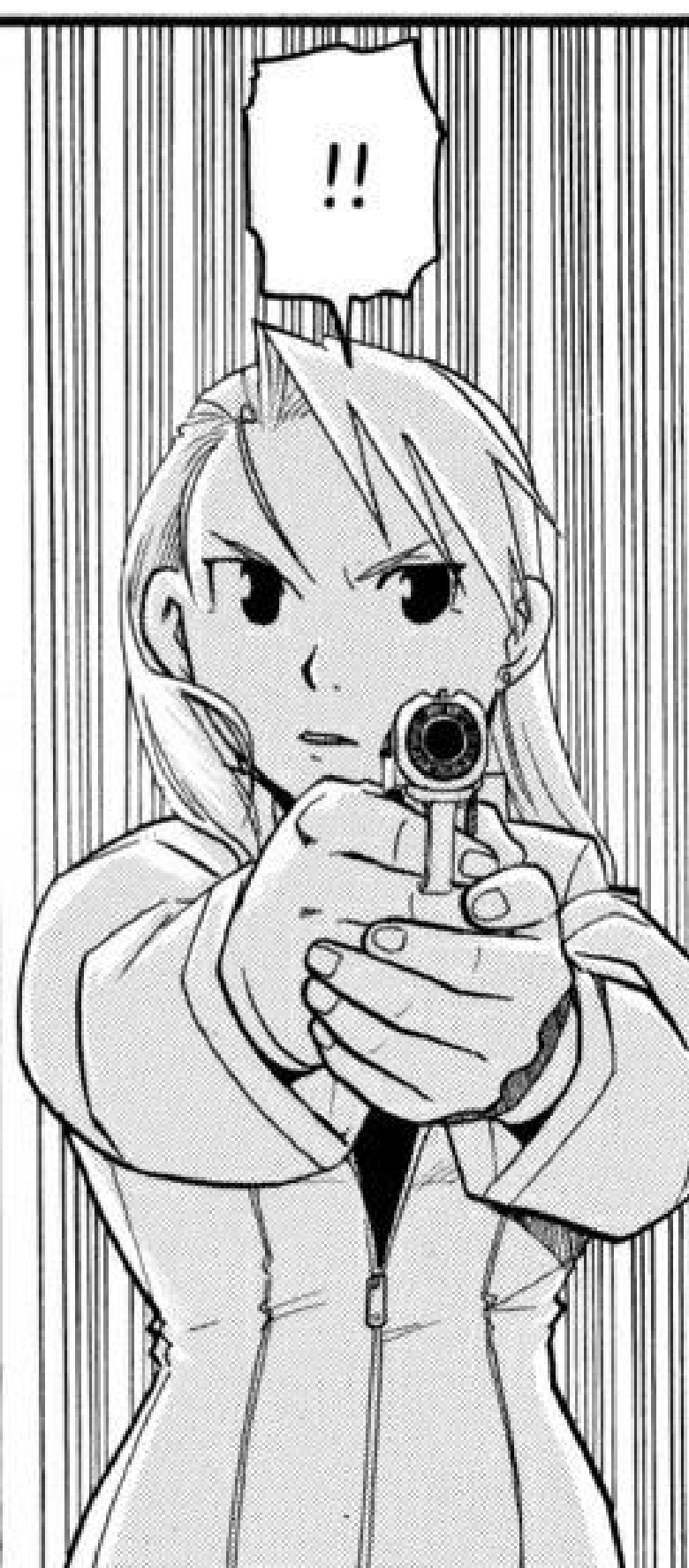
THE
PRESIDENT
SAID THAT
THERE WAS
SOME KIND
OF
CONSPIRACY
GOING ON
IN THE
MILITARY...

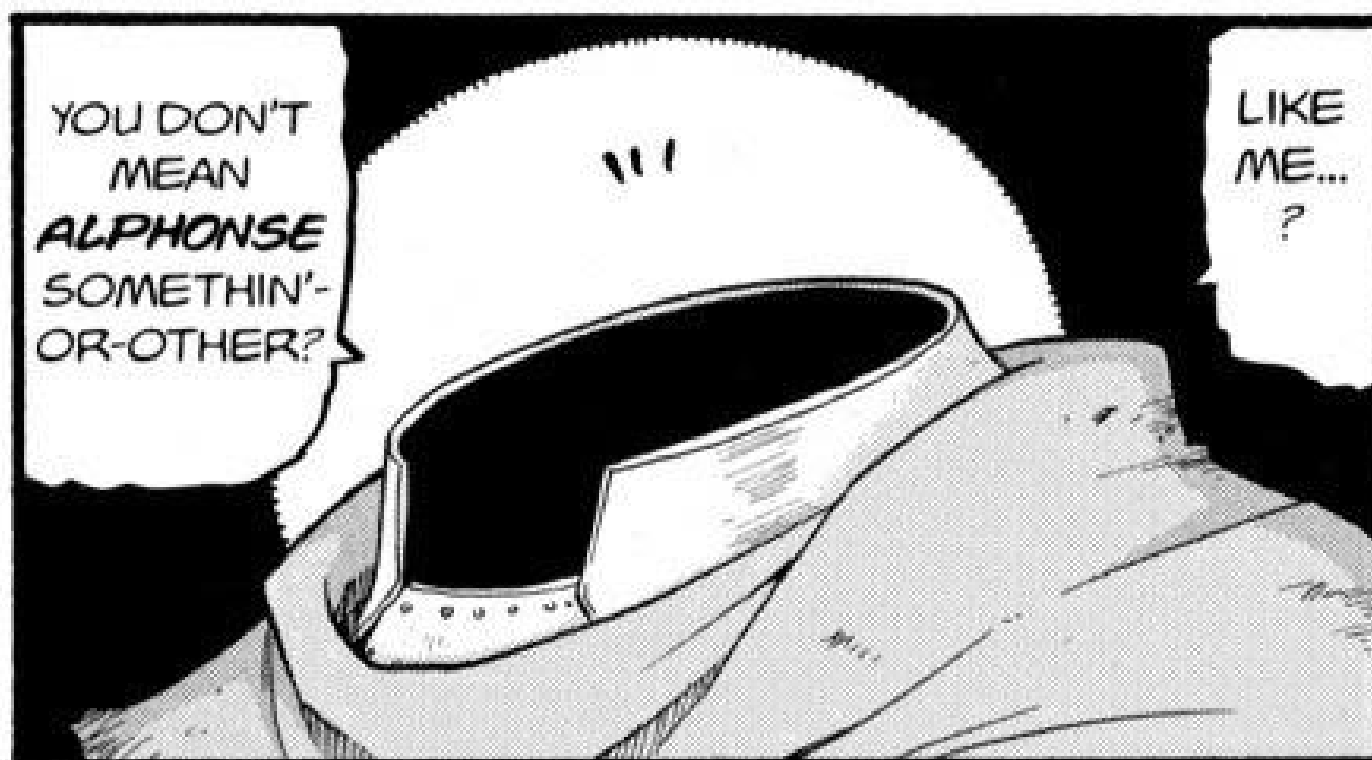












YOU DON'T
MEAN
ALPHONSE
SOMETHIN'-
OR-OTHER?

LIKE
ME...
?



D...DAMN
IT, LADY!! I'M
A FRICKIN'
EMPTY SUIT
OF ARMOR!
WHY AREN'T
YOU
SCARED!?



YOU
KNOW
ALPHONSE
!?

BECAUSE
I
KNOW
SOMEONE
KIND
OF LIKE
YOU.



WHO ARE
YOU!? HOW
DO YOU
KNOW
ALPHONSE
!?

YOU GOT
MOXIE,
LADY. I
LIKE
THAT!



CLONK

GEH HEH
HEH HEH.
YOU A
FRIEND
OF HIS?

